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COLOMBO'S NEW PLAN.

New York, Mar. 7. Rubber prices took a spectacular nose-dive on the rubber market today following the receipt of Reuters cables from Singapore and Colombo announcing the growth of sentiment in producing circles in favour of the abolition of restriction.

The market was swamped with selling orders. All futures were sold at the lowest levels in the history of the rubber exchange, but the market recovered from thirty to seventy points before noon on short covering and buying by strong interests.

The collapse of crude rubber has been accompanied by a weakness in prominent rubber shares which dropped from two to six points.

Rubber Pool's Huge Losses.
The dealers estimate that the American rubber pool formed in 1926 for the purpose of stabilising prices and assuring a sufficient supply of crude rubber has lost about \$4,500,000 on the fifty thousand tons of rubber which it is believed to have had in hand.—*Reuter.*

Colombo's New Plan.

Colombo, Mar. 7. Unless the present defects of the rubber restriction scheme can be overcome and can be applied as compulsory on an equal basis in all the rubber-producing countries in the East, the Stevenson scheme should be replaced by a "really comprehensive scheme providing for the adequate control of supplies."

This was the burden of opinion at the Ceylon Estate Proprietors Association meeting held today, the Association representing practically the whole of the rubber industry of European ownership in Ceylon.

The meeting drew up a memorandum to the Civil Research Committee in regard to the scheme, suggesting the imposition of a special duty of equivalent value, to be levied on all rubber exported by all countries producing plantation rubber.

The Colombo owners state that the proceeds of this special duty should be made available for the purchase of rubber in countries of production as long as the market price is below the pivotal price, and the rubber purchased to be utilised as stock to ensure a constant and sufficient supply.—*Reuter.*

Malayan Ballot.

Colombo, Mar. 7. The chairman of the Ceylon Merchants Chamber addressing the annual meeting, said the Chamber had reported to the Government that it was desirable to lift rubber restriction almost immediately, adding "We are left behind, and an individual effort with any necessary corporate action within Ceylon seems the wiser course."—*Reuter.*

Singapore, Mar. 7.

Of seventy-two replies to a questionnaire by the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, forty-seven favoured the removal of restriction of rubber output, conditionally or unconditionally.

The remainder voted for a continuance of the present scheme, with or without modifications.—*Reuter.*

TRAGIC MOB RUSH AT GIBRALTAR.

SPANISH TROOPS FIRE ON UNRULY CROWD.

Gibraltar, March 7. The strictness of the Customs searches at La Linea, of Spaniards returning from Gibraltar, led to tragic consequences to-day. A crowd of several thousands, mostly women and children, many carrying small quantities of groceries, attempted to rush the Customs barriers. The disturbance grew apace, and troops were called out, firing on the crowd. Two were killed and several wounded, while the terror-stricken crowd swarmed back to Gibraltar.—*Reuter.*

MORE COMMUNIST TERRORISM.

WHOLE FAMILIES TORTURED BEFORE DEATH.

HORRIBLE DETAILS.

Hankow, Mar. 8.

Details from Chinese sources of the massacre by peasant Communists and disbanded soldiers at Lei-yang show that their first act on entering the city was to set fire to all the houses of well-to-do people. All the occupants, men, women and children, were forced to remain inside, and they all perished in the flames.

During the few days of Communist occupation, everybody in the city showing any appearance of prosperity was massacred, mostly after being tortured.

The gouging out of eyes and the cutting off of ears were the most favoured of such tortures as can be described. Whole families were thus treated.

Children were compelled to watch their parents, and parents to watch their children being subjected to horrible mutilations prior to being finally slaughtered.

The bulk of the female population who were unable to flee were subjected to unmentionable tortures before being put to death.

Anti-Communist troops despatched from Hangchow have now occupied Lei-yang, after the Communists had withdrawn towards the Kwangtung border, where there are reports of further massacres.

A number of foreign missionaries is known to be in the Lei-yang area, and their fate is unknown.—*Reuter.*

IMPERIAL DAUGHTER SUCCUMBS.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN'S HEAVY LOSS.

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

The Emperor of Japan's youngest child, the Princess Hsiao, who has been ill since the latter part of February, succumbed at 3.38 a.m. this morning, of septicaemia. The Emperor and Empress were at the bedside and most of the Princes and Princesses were at the Palace.

There is no official mourning for an Imperial child under the age of seven, except for the Crown Prince. Neither will there be any public mourning.

Household officials will formulate the funeral arrangements later under the Shinto rites, after which the remains will be interred at Asukawa, near Tokyo, where the late Emperor Taisho is buried.

The Empress despite many sleepless nights by the bedside of her child, is reported to be bearing up well.—*Reuter.*

TRAGIC FRACAS NEAR BOMBAY.

DISPUTE BETWEEN PATHANS AND GHURKHAS.

Bombay, March 7.

A terrible fracas between Pathans and Ghurkhas on the Bombay-Poona railway line occurred yesterday, according to a telegraphic message from Khandala, as the result of which six workers were killed and over forty, including many Ghurkha women and children, are in hospital with injuries of various kinds.

The outbreak arose out of an old dispute between the Pathans and Ghurkhas engaged on railroad construction, and was the culmination to a series of previous quarrels.—*Reuter.*

YANGTZE PIRATE THREAT.

TO REMOVE RIVER MARKINGS.

Ichang, Mar. 7. Some time ago, pirates were responsible for the removal of the River Inspector and his staff, and they have now expressed their intention of removing the mast buoys and bamboo in the river so that ships will run aground.—*Naval Wireless.*

WAR ON SWABUE SOVIET.

BIG SUCCESSES BY CANTON ARMY.

COMMUNISTS DRIVEN FROM CHIEF CENTRES.

FLIGHT TO MOUNTAINS

Swatow, Mar. 6.

From all accounts, the encircling movement which is being carried out against the Hai-luk Fung Communists is meeting with considerable success.

The activity of the Navy on the coast has driven the Communists from the port towns of Swabue, and Kit-chieh; probably too by now they have entered Kit-chieh. Pressure is being exercised on the district from the south, and, if some reports are to be believed, an advance has been made on Hoi-fung, leading to the retreat north and west of the Communist forces.

On the west, the Communists have encountered the troops from Hui-pho, and in an engagement near Li-shan, have met with a severe reverse. They were lured out to meet an apparently small force of soldiers, and were caught in an ambush, a large party taking them in the rear and inflicting heavy casualties.

Means Business.

It really looks as if Marshal Li Chai-sun's Government means business, and if a number of aeroplanes can be added to the troops, (the papers have indeed announced that they are to be used, but there is so far no confirmation of this) then the headquarters of the Soviet may be taken.

Some relief to the commissariat problem has been found by the carrying of large quantities of rice from Swatow to the front.

General Chan Chai-tong's headquarters at Ho-pho have issued strict regulations as to the conduct of the campaign, calling on the people for whole-hearted assistance to the Army. They are required to give all information possible as to the whereabouts of the Communists, their numbers, armament, and so on, and dire penalties are proclaimed for failure to give such information, concealment of arms, and other offences.

Embarrassment.

While the deliverance of the countryside is urgent, and strong measures have to be taken, many of the poor village folk are likely to find themselves in great difficulty. The Soviet policy was directed to involving as many of the common people as possible, and numbers assisted them under duress. It will be hard to distinguish between thorough-going Communists and those who so acted, and it is to be feared that many will suffer.

The kind of embarrassment likely to arise is typified by the case of the Christian chapels which have been taken as headquarters by the Peasants' Unions. These have been painted red, and when the punitive expedition arrives, will be burnt to the ground unless the military are previously persuaded to exercise the discrimination necessary in the circumstances.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Good News.

The good news that that part of the Hoi-fung district which is between Blas Bay and Swatow, including the city, has been captured by the Army of General Chan Chai-tong reached Canton yesterday. For several months, Hoi-fung and Lukfung have been occupied by Communist bandits, who have massacred the rich, burned down houses and confiscated much property. As a result of the "Red" reign, more than 50,000 Chinese refugees are known to have fled to Hongkong and Canton within the past months.

The news that a good part of Hoi-fung was taken by the 32nd Regiment of Chan Chai-tong's Army was published in the Canton press yesterday. Reports say that when the Government troops assailed the doomed city, the "Reds" inside offered some resistance, and in subsequent fighting a few hundred of the Communist troops perished on the field. When the city was finally taken, the Canton Army claimed

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LIBERAL GAIN AT ST. IVES.

LADY TAKES SEAT FROM CONSERVATIVES.

TRIANGULAR FIGHT.

London, Mar. 7.

The result of the by-election in the St. Ives Division of Cornwall, caused by the elevation of the sitting member, Mr. L. A. Hawke (Conservative) to a judgeship, resulted as follows:

Liberal majority 703
Mra. Runciman (Lib.) 10,241
Sir Andrew Chird (Cons.) 4,478
Mr. Hopkins (Lab.) 4,348

This is a Liberal gain.—*Reuter.* At the General Election, there was a straight fight between Mr. Hawke (Conservative) and Sir Clifford Cory (Liberal), the former polling 11,169 and the latter 9,972.

It will thus be seen that the Conservative vote has declined by 1,681 and the Liberal poll has increased by 269.

Joins Husband in Parliament.

The new Lady M.P. is the wife of the Right Hon. Mr. Walter Runciman, the well-known shipping magnate and former Cabinet Minister in Liberal administrations. Before her marriage, she was Miss Hilda Stevenson, a daughter of Mr. J. C. Stevenson, a former M.P. for South Shields.

Mrs. Runciman will now join her husband in Parliament, as he sits in the Liberal interest for Swanssea. This is, we believe, the first occasion on which a husband and wife have both sat in Parliament at the same time.

MIDDLESBROUGH POLLS.

Labour's Bold Bid For Seat.

London, Mr. 7.

The bye-election at Middlesbrough (West), created by the death of Mr. Trevelyan Thomson (Liberal), resulted as follows:

Mr. Kinsey Griffith (Lib.) 10,717
Mr. Ellis (Labour) 10,628
Mr. Stanley Sadler (Cons.) 8,218

Liberal majority.

At the last General Election, the late Mr. Trevelyan Thomson was returned unopposed.—*Reuter.*

Bye-Election Analysis.

Middlesbrough is the 41st bye-election since the General Election, and the following Party figures of losses and gains make exceptionally interesting reading:

	Gains.	Losses.	No Change.
Cons.	1	10	21
Labour	7	1	5
Liberal	4	2	3

The only Conservative gain was at the Combined University bye-election at the expense of the Liberals, while the only Labour loss was North Southwark to the Liberals.

MR. CURTIS WILBUR PUZZLED.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND BRITISH NAVAL POLICY.

U.S. POINT OF VIEW.

New York, Mar. 7.

Mr. Curtis Wilbur, the Navy Secretary, defended the Coolidge Administration's proposal for a \$40,000,000 naval programme in the course of a strong speech at Bay City, Michigan, to-day.

He stated that the Administration thoroughly endorsed Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement that war between Britain and the United States was already outlawed in the hearts of the people of both countries.

He expressed the opinion, however, that the British attitude was inconsistent. It was difficult to reconcile the conviction that war was outlawed with the British unwillingness to recognise America's rights to build a limited number of the type of ships she desired, or with the British willingness to risk the success of the Geneva Conference.

The Americans at Geneva had never been able to reconcile the conception of the absolute naval needs stressed by the British representatives with negotiations for a treaty fixing limitations of a basis of mutual concessions.—*Reuter.*

TREATY REJECTED BY EGYPT.

LARGE CONCESSIONS EMBODIED.

SECURITY OF VITAL LINK, THE SUEZ CANAL.

POLITICAL FOLLY.

London, Mar. 8.

The text of the proposed Anglo-Egyptian treaty, rejected by the Egyptian Cabinet, and the papers relating to its negotiation by Sarwat Pasha and Sir Austen Chamberlain are issued for publication this morning.

A memorandum by Sir Austen Chamberlain after the first conversation with Sarwat, in London last July, during which Anglo-Egyptian relations were revised and a mutual desire expressed to prepare the way for close co-operation, is given in the opening of the White Paper.

After this, Sarwat contributed a draft of a treaty to which a counter-draft approved by the British Government was returned. When Sarwat Pasha left London in November his discussions with Sir Austen were practically completed but the final approval of the British Government was required for the third draft on which the two statesmen had agreed.

Large Concessions.

When this had been given, Sir Austen Chamberlain sent the text to Lord Lloyd, the British High Commissioner in Egypt, with a covering despatch which pointed out that the final draft differed in important particulars from that originally offered to Sarwat Pasha and embodied large concessions to the latter's own views and to Egyptian sentiment.

Article One of the agreed draft formally records that an alliance is established, and consecrates the friendship, cordial understanding and good relations of the parties.

Britain's Aid.

In Article Two, Egypt undertakes not to adopt an attitude incompatible with the alliance or liable to create difficulties for Britain.

Article Three states that if by an act of aggression Egypt is involved in war, Britain will, subject to the provisions of the League covenant, come to her aid as belligerent.

In Article Four Egypt undertakes to consult Britain if circumstances arise likely to imperil Egypt's good relations with a foreign power or threaten the lives and properties of foreigners in Egypt.

Article Five provides that in view of co-operation between the two armies as contemplated in Article Three the instruction and training of the Egyptian army to be in accordance with British methods and any foreign officers or instructors necessary must be selected from among British subjects.

Articles Six states that if Britain be menaced with or engaged in war, even if Egyptian rights are not affected, Egypt undertakes to furnish all facilities and assistance in its power in Egyptian territory.

The Controversial Clause.

Article Seven permits Britain to maintain upon Egyptian territory such armed forces as are considered necessary for the defence of Imperial communications. The presence of these forces will not constitute, in any manner, an occupation, and will not prejudice the sovereign rights of Egypt. After ten years the parties are to reconsider the question of the localities in which the said forces are to be stationed. Should no agreement be reached the question may be submitted to the Council of the League of Nations. Should the decision of the League be adverse to the claims of the Egyptian Government the question can, at their request, be re-investigated at intervals of five years from the date of the League's decision. The Article concerning occupation is also put in its present form pending a future treaty in which Egypt would be entrusted with the protection of British interests.

British Preference.

Article Eight provides that the Egyptian Government when an

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OUTSPOKEN PLEA BY HWANG FU.

BRITAIN'S GOOD WILL, & U.S. LUKEWARM.

JAPAN AMBITIOUS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 8.

Mr. Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, in an interview, declared that whilst the treaties with Peking are technically valid, they were at the same time humiliating to the national dignity.

The Nationalists were striving for the abrogation or the revision of the treaties by negotiation. They would not, however, recognise loans to the present Peking Government.

The Japanese, he declared, were entertaining wild ambitions in China, and were bolstering Chang Tso-lin, and the Nationalists were unable to extend their sympathy unless Japan abstained from despatching troops to Shantung.

Britain, he agreed, was manifesting a desire to deal fairly, and Britain would find that the Nationalists were prepared to reciprocate.

As far as America was concerned, Mr. Hwang Fu said he felt certain that America was lukewarm, though this he also felt was merely pending the settlement of the Nanking incidents.

He told the interviewer, however, that his conversations with Mr. MacMurray had proved satisfactory.

SAMOAN TROUBLES ENDING.

MEETING TO END THE MAU MOVEMENT.

Wellington, Mar. 7.

According to official advices from Samoa, the Native Parliament has agreed to convene a big meeting in the vicinity of Apia on March 16th, for the purpose of putting an end to the Mau movement.

A deputation of the chiefs will subsequently visit New Zealand to learn the wishes of the Government.

The Administrator's terms to the Mau provide that they obey the law, act constitutionally, and in the future to submit matters to him through the Samoan district councils and not through a European committee.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET AND POISON GAS.

AGREE TO RATIFY PROTOCOL OF PROHIBITION.

Moscow, Mar. 7.

The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet has decided to ratify the act of adherence of the Soviet Government to the Protocol prohibiting the use of poison-gas in wartime, but has declared that the Protocol would bind the Soviet only in respect of those States which also adhered to the Protocol.—*Reuter.*

HOLLAND AND TRADE PROTECTION.

PORCELAIN DUTY INCREASE BILL REJECTED.

The Hague, March 7.

The Second Chamber has rejected, by 62 votes to 40, the Bill raising the import duty on porcelain and glass-ware from eight to fifteen per cent. within three months, in order to protect the pottery industry.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH OIL RESERVE.

GUARDING AGAINST POSSIBLE EMERGENCY.

Paris, March 7.

The Chamber has passed a Bill regulating the importation of oil with a view to the creation of a national reserve of oil against possible emergencies.—*Reuter.*

CURIOUS ACTION EXPLAINED.

LEAGUE THANKS MR. CHENG LOH.

MORAL RIGHTS IN DISPUTE OVER MACHINE-GUNS.

PRESIDENT'S POWER.

Geneva, Mar. 7.

The demands of the Little Entente, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia, for an examination of the dispute over the smuggling of machine-gun parts into Hungary, were heard at a private Session of the Council of the League to-day.

The Hungarian delegate, General Tanczos, presented 61 documents relating to the affair, in which Italy is interested, and the Council, after an hour, decided to consider the matter in public after speeches by the various parties.

The Council accepted the motion of Sir Austen Chamberlain to appoint a committee to deal with the matter, this to consist of the delegates of Holland, Chili and Finland.

Mr. Cheng Loh's Message.

Some discussion arose during the private session concerning the action of Mr. Cheng Loh, the Chinese ex-President of the Council, in recently telegraphing to the Hungarian Government advising the postponement of their decision to sell by auction the machine-gun parts.

Mr. Cheng Loh explained the reasons for his action. A communiqué was afterwards issued by Mr. Cheng Loh at the private sitting. He stated that his action in telegraphing the Hungarian Government was not intended as an injunction, but as friendly and courteous counsel with a view to preventing the Council from having to deal with an "accomplished fact," and thereby safeguarding the League's moral authority.

President's Thanks.

The President of the Council thanked Mr. Cheng Loh for his explanation.

Sir Austen Chamberlain drew attention to the difficulties facing Mr. Cheng Loh and declared that it would be necessary to examine the powers and duties of the acting President at intervals between the Sessions.

The Council went on to a discussion of a proposal by Italy that an educational cinematograph institute be created. The Italian resolution was adopted.—*Reuter.*

Difficulties Undivulged.

It has been announced that the League Financial Committee, owing to difficulties which have not been divulged, was unable to proceed with the proposal for a Portuguese Stabilisation Loan. Contrarily, the Committee has agreed to the Bulgarian Stabilisation Loan of \$4,750,000.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S AIR PLANS.

INCREASE IN THE BUDGET ESTIMATES.

London, Mar. 7.

The Air Estimates for the coming year are £16,200,000 as compared with £15,550,000 last year. The Estimates include £2,000,000, the expenses of the Air Force in Iraq, and provision is made for four more squadrons, comprising two additional ones for India, one to co-operate with the Navy, and a squadron of flying boats.—*Reuter.*

MEXICAN INSURGENTS.

FURTHER ENGAGEMENTS IN JALISCO.

Mexico City, March 7. A message from Guadalajara states that four insurgent leaders have been killed and twelve of their followers as the result of a brief engagement in the State of Jalisco.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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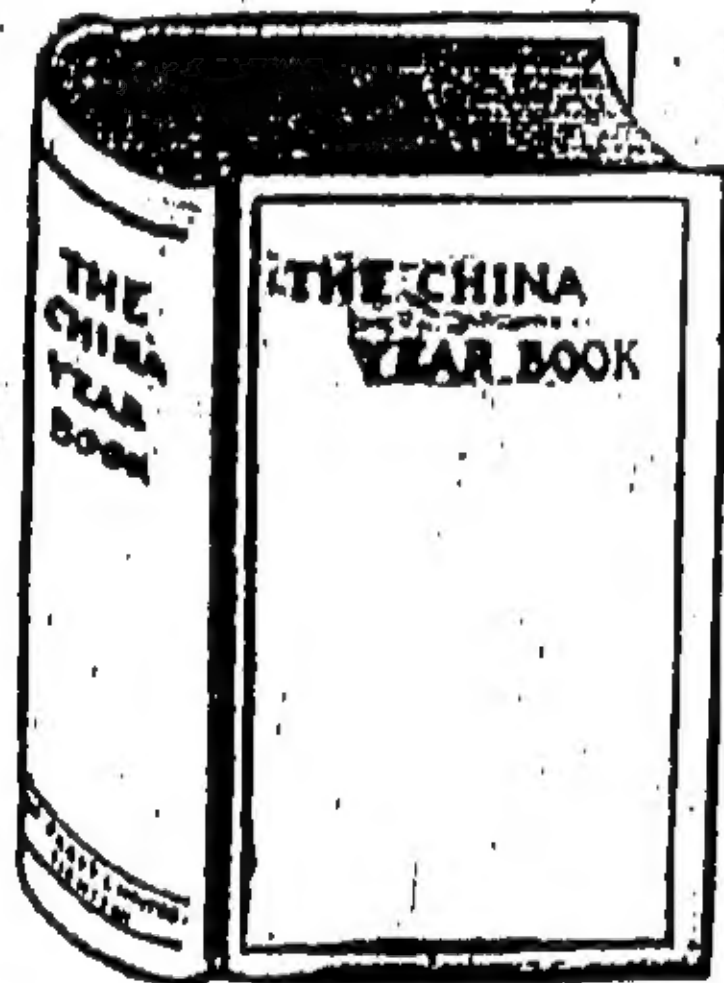
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MORE SEDITION.

COMMUNISTS ON TRIAL IN SINGAPORE

Documents produced in the Third Police Court at Singapore, in another case of possession of seditious literature proved that the Police have disclosed an attempt to establish in Singapore a branch of the Communist Party of China. One of these documents spoke of the formation of a committee and mentioned the name Cheong Yok Kai as the representative who was to be sent. Cheong Yok Kai, it was stated by Mr. Prithvi Chand of the Criminal Investigation Department, was the Chinese who was now charged with shooting at Dr. Lim Boon Keng and who had confessed to an attempt to assassinate Dr. C. C. Wu.

The accused was a Hiam employed by Mr. Samy, the lawyer, in the capacity of a cook; and the various documents in respect of which he is charged, were discovered in his room.

Opening the case Mr. N. H. P. Whitley said that the accused was arrested on February 22. When the inspector entered his room he was seen hiding one of the alleged seditious publications.

Giving evidence, Mr. Prithvi Chand of the C.I.D. produced the various documents. The book which the accused attempted to conceal was a copy of the Labour Vanguard. There were passages in it dealing with the celebration of the anniversary of Lenin. Another document found referred to the formation of a South Seas Provisional Committee of the Communist Party of China. This document mentioned the name of Dr. C. C. Wu's would-be assassin.

The D.P.P. remarked that this particular "comrade" appeared to have got busy very soon after his arrival in Singapore.

Another document produced dealt entirely with the organisation of a committee for propaganda work and a women's committee. Yet another paper dealt with the organisation of some Tang. Mr. Chand was of the opinion that this Tang was the same party referred to in the other documents. A passage from this paper spoke of "putting the reins of Government into the hand of the labourers."

"How to carry out a revolutionary movement in the South Seas" was the title of another booklet. Mr. Whitley described this publication as an incitement to overthrow British imperialism.

The accused was committed for trial before the next Assizes.

RIVAL WORKERS.

OPPOSED TO CANTON'S UNEMPLOYED.

Recently a labour dispute has arisen between labourers of Hongkong and those of Canton, says a Chinese press report. Following the Red coup in Canton in December, business in Canton was hard hit, and subsequently many of the workers were thrown out of employment, especially employees of the tea-houses, native banks, tailor shops, and labourers who worked in the markets in Canton.

Many of these unemployed are known to have arrived in Hongkong to seek work, and this has caused much discontent among local labourers. A few days ago, local labour Unions made appeals to their employers demanding that if there be any vacancies in any of the Chinese shops and firms in Hongkong, the owners should see to it that they employ Hongkong workers first. Some of the Unions, as in the case of the Tea-house Employees' Association, have sent representatives to Canton to prevent any more of the unemployed from coming down here.

The same report adds that at Canton at present there are tens of thousands of workers who are idle.

MORTGAGE APPEAL ENDS.

FINAL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE APPELLANTS.

The business before the Full Court of Appeal in Hongkong was concluded yesterday when, after a hearing covering a period of four and a half days, the mortgage case was brought to a conclusion and judgment was reserved. The judges were the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan (President), Sir Peter Grain, Judge of the Supreme Court of China; and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood.

The mortgage case was one in which Loo Kwong-lam and Loo Kwong-hin, 57 Calne Road, formerly minors but now of age, appealed against a judgment delivered in the court below by Mr. Justice Wood for the setting aside of a mortgage. The respondents were Li Koon-chun and Wo Fat-shing, 81 Wing Lok Street, and Kan Tong-ye, Chief Manager of the Bank of East Asia in Hongkong.

Dishonest Interpreter.

Dealing with the motive of Sung, an interpreter, to see that the transaction went through Mr. Potter continued that once it was declared that the plaintiffs were infants not a penny of their money would pass into Sung's hands. It would go direct to the hands of the trustees and would be invested by them until the boys came of age, and Sung would never have been able to pay himself \$52,000 as he had done, as that sum would have been invested by the trustees on behalf of the infants. Sung would never have had a farthing passing through his hands and would have had no way of obtaining two sums of \$8,000 from the plaintiffs.

Again, if Sung was as pure as Mr. Jenkin would have them believe, and if he was only working for a fair remuneration for himself, then why did he bring Leung Wing-cheung into the matter to get another five per cent. Sung told the boys that Leung would assist them in getting their share, but of course he must get his five per cent. It was difficult to believe that the plaintiffs' interest was the only interest that Sung had in his mind, and he (Mr. Potter) did not think that the court could put Sung in that position.

"I think he was a man who was out to receive a very liberal reward indeed, to see that these people got nothing more than they were entitled to under this settlement, and allowed his friend to have another five per cent."

Age Representation.

Reverting to the "chest tapping" incident, when Lam was stated by Leung Wing-cheung to have tapped his chest in a solicitor's office and declared he was of age, Mr. Potter said there was no evidence that the alleged representation was ever communicated to the defendants at all. In fact the evidence showed the reverse. All the parties were present on that occasion but Leung was the only witness who deposed to it. Neither of the defendants spoke about it. Mr. Potter submitted that there was literally no evidence of it and that Leung could be "wiped out of the picture."

Continuing on the point of representation of age, Mr. Potter said the only allegation against Lam was that Sung said in his (Lam's) hearing that he was of age. Mr. Potter submitted that that could not and that that was an "express representation."

New Trials.

Dealing with the motion for a new trial Mr. Potter went on to say if the court considered that Leung Wing-cheung had disappeared from the picture there was no question of a new trial. His submission was that Leung had clearly disappeared as far as the plaintiffs were concerned. The

TELEVISION TEST.

SHIP'S OPERATOR SEES HIS FIANCE.

London, Mar. 7.

Miss Dora Sealey, living in London, was surprised to get a request "Come at once, your fiancé wants to see you."

The latter is chief wireless operator on the liner Berengaria, at present in mid-Atlantic. Miss Dora Sealey was conveyed to the Baird television headquarters, and participated in the first experiment in television between a ship and the shore.

The vision at times was very clear. The wireless operator was delighted to see on the screen his fiancée, whose profile and method of addressing were easily recognisable.—Reuter.

only interest they had left in him, so far as the judgment was concerned, was that he was accepted by the judge as being a witness who proved that the deed of release was interpreted and that over half an hour was taken in the interpretation.

Leung did not affect the plaintiff. Hin and therefore there was no question of a new trial, but in case their Lordships should find that Leung did not so disappear he would revert back to his old position.

Interview With Judge.

Continuing Mr. Potter referred to the interview between Mr. D. H. Blake and Mr. Justice Wood in chambers before the judgment was delivered. Mr. Potter said it was true that Mr. Jenkin had told him (Mr. Potter) in the most casual way that the interview had taken place. He was told that two days before he departed from the Colony on leave. Rightly or wrongly he gave it no further thought at the time and thought it was confidential, so much so, that he did not tell Mr. Sheldon, his junior counsel or Mr. Brutton. "I thought it was one of those little confidences that sometimes pass across the bar counter."

When he did think of it afterwards, Mr. Potter continued, he came to the conclusion, rightly or wrongly, that there was nothing he could do in any event. Judgment was reserved and the judge had claimed the right to see Mr. Blake after he had reserved judgment. It might have been practical check on his (Mr. Potter's) part to try to ascertain whether that was so or not. The judge might have said "What has it got to do with you? I am doing what I am entitled to do."

The only thing was that if the interview was, a mistake in law it had to be dealt with by the Court of Appeal as it was the only court that could deal with it. There was no uncertainty really. They had only to read Mr. Blake's statement as to whether the incident had any effect on the judge's mind or not, but if there was any uncertainty then there was the very simple way out of asking the judge. He would tell them at once but they would not communicate the answer to him (Mr. Potter). So that, if there was any uncertainty, they had a way of getting an answer.

Mr. Potter's submission was while he quite appreciated the motive which might have induced the judge to do what he did do, it might have deprived him (Mr. Potter) of the most substantial argument. He ought not to be deprived of that right and if the trial judge gave up that criticism after interviewing Mr. Blake, it was an event in the case and would compel the Court of Appeal to order a new trial on the issue of fraud. In view of what had been said that morning, however, he did think their Lordships would be troubled with that point.

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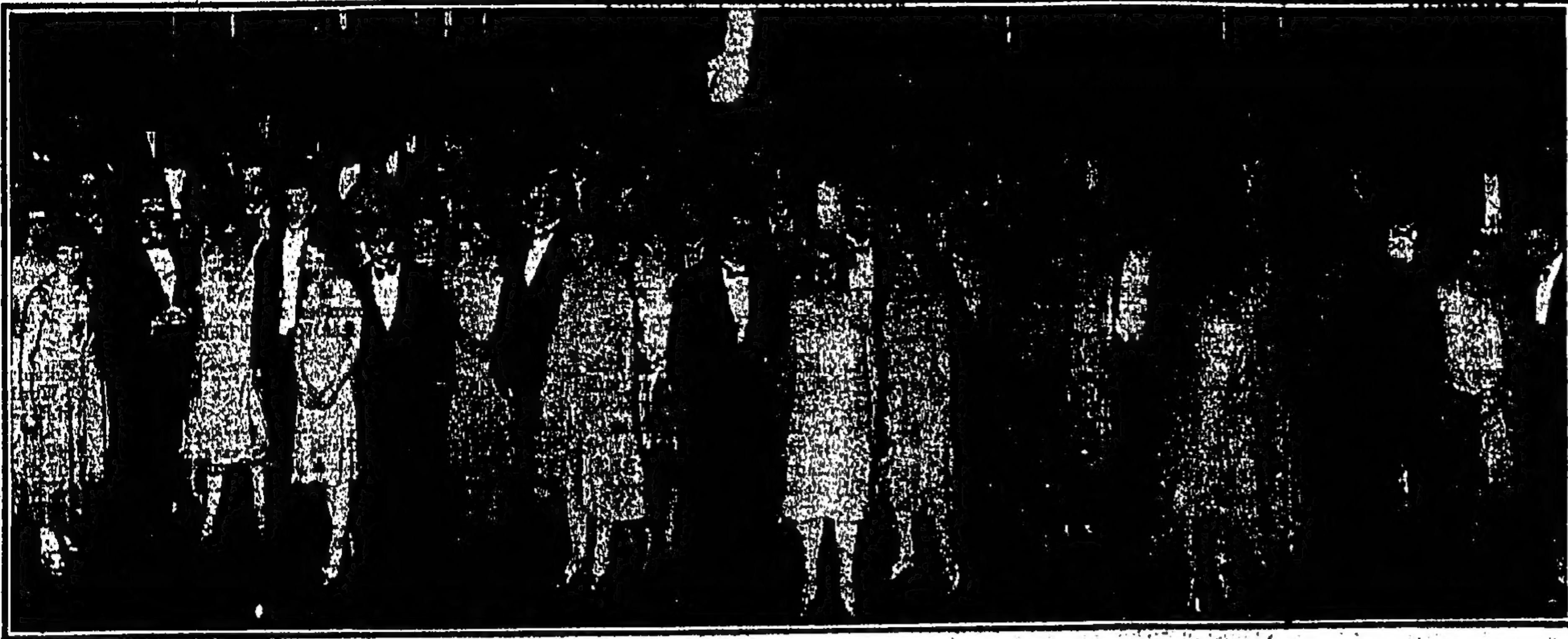
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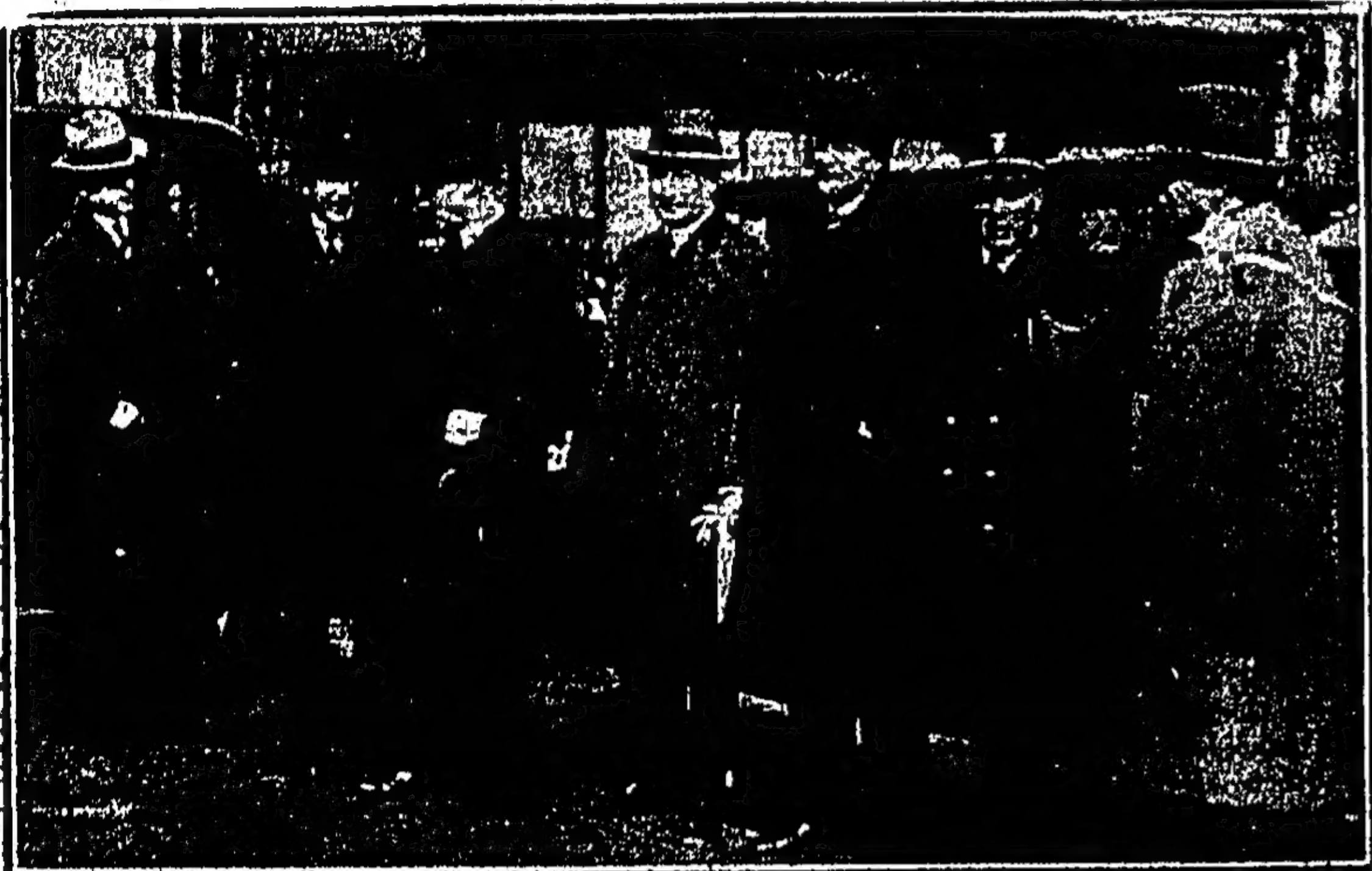


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A general view of the crowd which attended the Washington Birthday Ball at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai. Consul General Edwin S. Cunningham and Mrs. Cunningham were the chief hosts.



Governor General Stimson and his party arriving at the Shanghai Customs Jetty where they were met by the American Consul-General and members of the American Chamber of Commerce. Governor General Stimson appears the third from the left in the picture.



Advantage was taken of the fine weather and fair going by the Shanghai American Troop last week when a section ride was held. Above are seen some of the entrants.



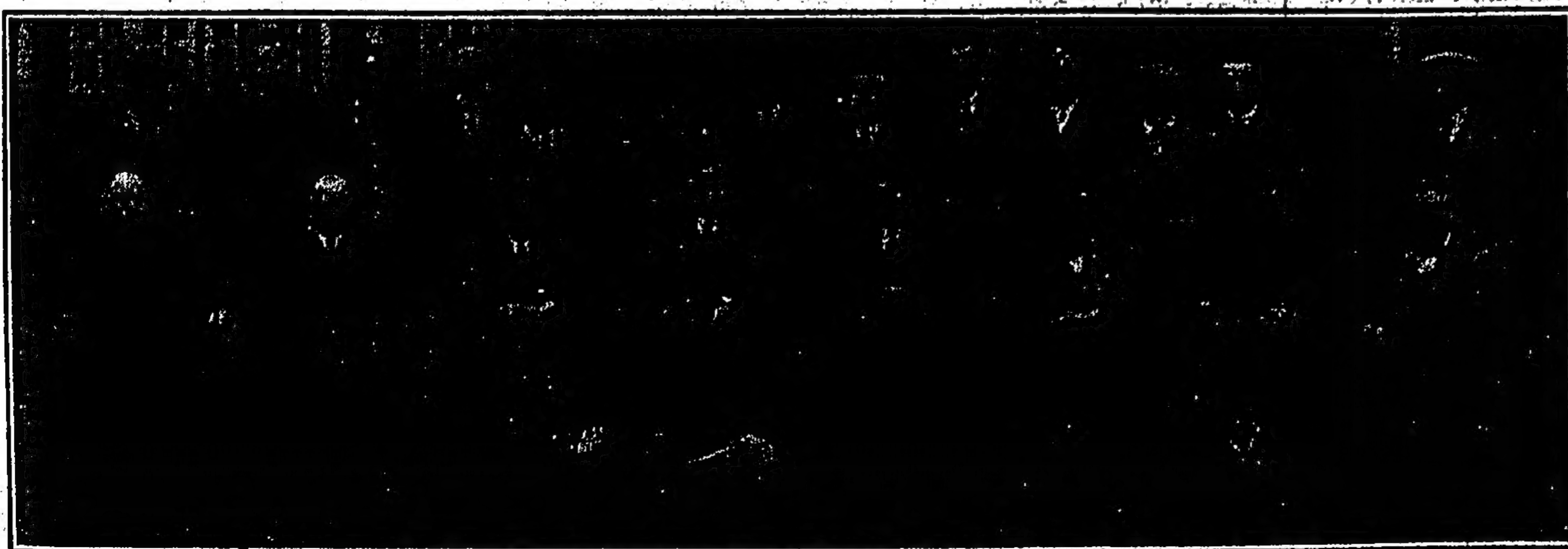
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Bridal group taken after the wedding last week in Shanghai, of Mr. Eduard W. Eickhoff, son of the late F. Eickhoff, of Hanover, and Mrs. Marrie Emmerich.



Judge J. J. Trabucco of Mariposa county, California, the judge who sentenced William Edward Hickman to death on the charge of murdering Marian Parker. Judge Trabucco (above), a veteran jurist, was chosen after charges of prejudice had been preferred against Judge Hardy.



A group taken on the occasion of the final of the Junior Golf Club championship at Hongkew Park, Shanghai, when Mr. A. Mackintosh defeated Mr. T. W. Mitchell in a close match. Mr. C. H. Hopkins, captain of the club, is seen seated in the centre of the group, with Mr. Mackintosh on his right and Mr. Mitchell on his left, facing the camera.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 17th March, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 12th March, 1928.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY the SECOND DAY, of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

- "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,600,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."
- "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD., Agents.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

REVISED DATES OF EXTRA MEETINGS 1928.

17th March.
7th and 9th April.
5th May.
26th and 28th May.
6th and 8th October.
10th November.
1st December.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the THIRTY-SECOND Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 1927, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 10th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. MANUK, Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1928.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that **ANDREW HARPER & SON** have ceased to be the authorized dealers of this Company for Hongkong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under-signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

MACAO RACES

SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th MARCH 1928.
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By order,
S. W. Cheng, Secretary.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 9th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Office and Household Furniture. Comprising:—
Teak Bookcases, Filing Cabinets, Desks, Hatstand with Mirror, Chesterfield Couch and Armchair, Silver Cabinet, Leather Covered Chairs, Egyptian Carpets and Rugs, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Ornaments, China Wares, etc., etc.
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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1928, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., on the premises.

The Goods and Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of No. 13, Queen's Road, Central, St. Francis Hotel, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floors, all that space on the ground floor known as the Lobby and a portion of the ground floor of the Right Wing of the Ho Hong Bank Building together with the servants' quarters at the back thereof.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 6, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 465, The Peak, Barker Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture. (Particulars from Catalogue). On View from Tuesday, the 13th March, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Curios. Comprising:—
Five Coloured Vases, Blackwood Joss Table, Carved Lacquer Vases, Porcelain Table Screens, Crystal Ornaments, Jade Vases and Birds, Ivory Figures, Porcelain Flower Bowls, Plates, Bronze Gongs, Embroidered Mandarin Coats, Valances and Hangings, Chinese Hand Paintings, Lacquered Cupboards, Trunks, etc., etc.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday, the 14th March, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1928.

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C. McI. MESSER, Colonial Treasurer.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON AND CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th, Feb., 1928.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

Paris Feb. 3.—The loss of £880 by a Londoner from Oxford-street, should prove a warning to visitors to Paris not to be too trusting where friendly strangers are concerned. He met a Frenchman, who proposed a business deal with him. The two went off in a taxi to complete the deal, but the cab was stopped in the Place de la Bastille. The Frenchman asked Mr. Kaye to step out. As he was doing so the Frenchman seized his handbag containing his money and told the chauffeur to drive on. A Canadian visitor to Paris named Roberts, on the other hand, left share certificates of a million francs (£8,000) and a large sum in notes in a taxi, and recovered them the same day. They had been found by a French engineer in the taxi. He refused to accept any reward.

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Australia	Tai Ping	March 9.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Suiyang	March 10.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk	March 10.
Calcutta and Straits	President Grant	March 12.
Shanghai	Namsang	March 13.
Straits	Sphinx	March 13.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Yuenang	March 13.
	Empress of Asia	March 15.

For	Per	Date
Straits and Calcutta	Tilava	Thurs., Mar. 8.
	Parcels	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ping	Thurs., Mar. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Havenstein	Thurs., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Thurs., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Shirala	Thurs., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Shan Chih	Thurs., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	Fri., Mar. 9, 2 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow	Fri., Mar. 9, 2.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Atsuta Maru	Sat., Mar. 10.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	Mar. 9, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 10, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 8th April.)	

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria, B. C.	Teucer	Parcels 9th, 5.00 p.m.
		Sat., Mar. 10.
	Registration	9.15 a.m.
	Letters	10.10 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B. C. 3rd April.)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva	Sat., Mar. 10.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	Mar. 9, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 10, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 10, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 10, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 7th April.)	

Sandakan	Mausang	Sat., Mar. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Shantung	Sat., Mar. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kweiyang	Sat., Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Folk	Sat., Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Mar. 11, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via San Francisco and Siberia	President Jefferson	Tues., Mar. 13.
	Parcels	Mar. 13, 9 a.m.
	Registration	Mar. 13, 9.45 a.m.
	Letter	Mar. 13, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 5th April.)	

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Adon, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sphinx	Tues., Mar. 13.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	10 a.m.
	Letters	10.10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	11.45 a.m.
	Letters	12.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 13th April.)	

Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Monado Maru	Tues., Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fook Sang	Tues., Mar. 13, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	10.30 a.m.
	Letters	11.1 p.m.
	Tues., Mar. 13, 2 p.m.	

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Mar. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres Grant	Tues., Mar. 13, 4.30 p.m.
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Java via Sourabaya	Tjilliwong	Wed., Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.

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DAIRY FARM NEWS



WHEN FOOD REPELS.

It happens to many in the Far East to experience at some time or other a marked loss of appetite accompanied by a sense of general enfeeblement. Especially is this so in the Tropics, where the everlasting humid heat severely taxes the vitality even of the strongest. Not only does food cease to attract, even the thought of eating repels; cheerfulness gives way to depression, energy becomes pale, the face thin and wan; as often as not back-pains, loss of weight, pains behind the eyes, headaches, nervousness, a disinclination for society, are among the symptoms experienced. In the case of women, other irregularities of health are also noticeable, troubles characteristic of their sex.

Anaemia, or weak, watery blood, is the chief cause of loss of appetite, digestive troubles, and those other symptoms just described. It is one of the most prevalent maladies in the Far East, where

climatic conditions and low nourishing food values, pre-dispose to its development. Are you anaemic? Are your eyes dull, your lips and gums, the inside lining of your eye-lids pale? Do you lack spirit, brightness, energy? Does your heart beat too fast when you run up-stairs? Is your hand unsteady? Do you grow tired too soon? If you have any of these symptoms your chief and immediate need is a good tonic medicine, and the best of all nerve tonics and blood builders is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These Pills have a wonderful strengthening effect on faulty blood and exhausted nerves. Their world-wide fame has been built up on a remarkable record of cures of precisely such cases as yours.

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Before the Dance.

Most of us use bath salts, but a change from the ordinary is often agreeable. A little eau de Cologne added to the hot water is fragrant, exhilarating if one is taking a dip before dressing for dinner or a dance.

Pine, too, is a fine thing when feeling a little anxious for invigoration.

Lavender water or indeed a few drops of any essence of perfume give a more strongly scented bath than ordinary bath salts.

Try squeezing a lemon into the water. The fragrance is very fresh, and the diffused juice has a cleansing effect on the skin.

The deliciously aromatic quality of herbs in hot water should suggest their use in the bath if one is tired of more cloying sweetness.

Lavender flowers, mint, thyme, or sage leaves may be tied up in muslin and steeped in boiling water for a little while until their characteristic aroma is infused into it. The liquid may then be added to the bath water.

One should lie relaxed in the warm perfumed water, an indurubber air cushion under the head against the end of the bath, and gain the full benefit of the few minutes' ease and rest. Have voluminous warm towels ready, and rub down vigorously after stepping out.

A tepid shower is a good thing to follow a hot tub, especially if one intends to go out of doors or into a much cooler atmosphere soon after.

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These little white woollen socks with coloured borders are correct accessories for tennis wear.

Veils of 1928.

IN WHICH BEAUTY IS REVEALED.

The Monte Carlo veil of 1928 is a cunning thing that obviously expresses the poetic line—"more to reveal than conceal." It is fragile beyond words and practically transparent; yet it exists in many different forms.

Bride's Helmet.



Perhaps its the influence of the flying rage, but the very latest bridal veil has a helmet arrangement of large pearls set in brilliant fastenings under the chin in a most becoming aviatrix manner.

ferent forms. The popular veil of the moment comes under the heading "mask." But we also have veils of "floating" and "birdcage" order. The thin end of the wedge, but the thick end may be inserted before summer is with us!

Colour Chosen to Suit the Skin. The beauty veil launched by a very great Parisian milliner, made of finest tulle shows a large "patch" at one side, so arranged that it falls just below the corner of the right eye. Black, dark blue, or violet tulle may be used, according to individual skin tints. There is a certain shade of violet—it is really almost violet—which goes splendidly with mint white skin and petuniarred lips. On the other hand dark blue net is flattering to creamy skin dusted with carnation rouge—lip stick to match.

At Monte Carlo.

RIVIERA JEWEL FASHIONS.

At Monte Carlo, the newer type of quasi-precious jewellery is being exploited to a notable extent. One night at the Cafe de Paris a well-known woman wore a wonderful sea green gown which had been specially designed to show off her new set of tourmaline and diamond ornaments; she had a cluster brooch perched on the left shoulder, a similar ornament with diamond fringes on her left hip, and one of the loveliest flat bracelets ever seen—quite three inches wide, with a background of small diamonds throwing into prominence three quite perfect sea-green tourmalines. Another very lovely woman wore a gorgeous emerald green frock as a background for a very large, flat onyx pendant encrusted with crystal and emeralds.

Girls Men Prefer.

[By "Lady Kitty Vincent"]

In the days of my youth I was taught a little rhyme, which began:

Little Jane was as good as gold,
She always did as she was told.

The verses went on to extol Jane's merits, and we were told that:

When she grew up she was given
In marriage,
To a first-class earl who kept his
carriage.

In those days virtue was evidently not its own sole reward, but I rather question whether nowadays Jane would have been such a success. I am not sure that she would not be a constant wallflower and remain a spinster to the end of her life while the "first-class earl" went off with a bright young thing in short skirts and very shiny silk stockings.

We are told that men like women whom they can respect and who will make good wives and mothers. Incidentally, we are taught to believe that baking and roasting are sure passports to a man's heart, and that he does not "respect" or marry the girls he dances and flirts with.

I am afraid that I remain coldly unconvinced. I think that, as always, demand creates the supply. If quiet, domesticated girls were the ones that men desired as wives the girls would be quick enough to adapt themselves to his wishes. In these days a man wants a girl to dance extremely well, to play a good game of tennis, and, above all, to be amusing. The fact that she is a good cook leaves him quite unmoved.

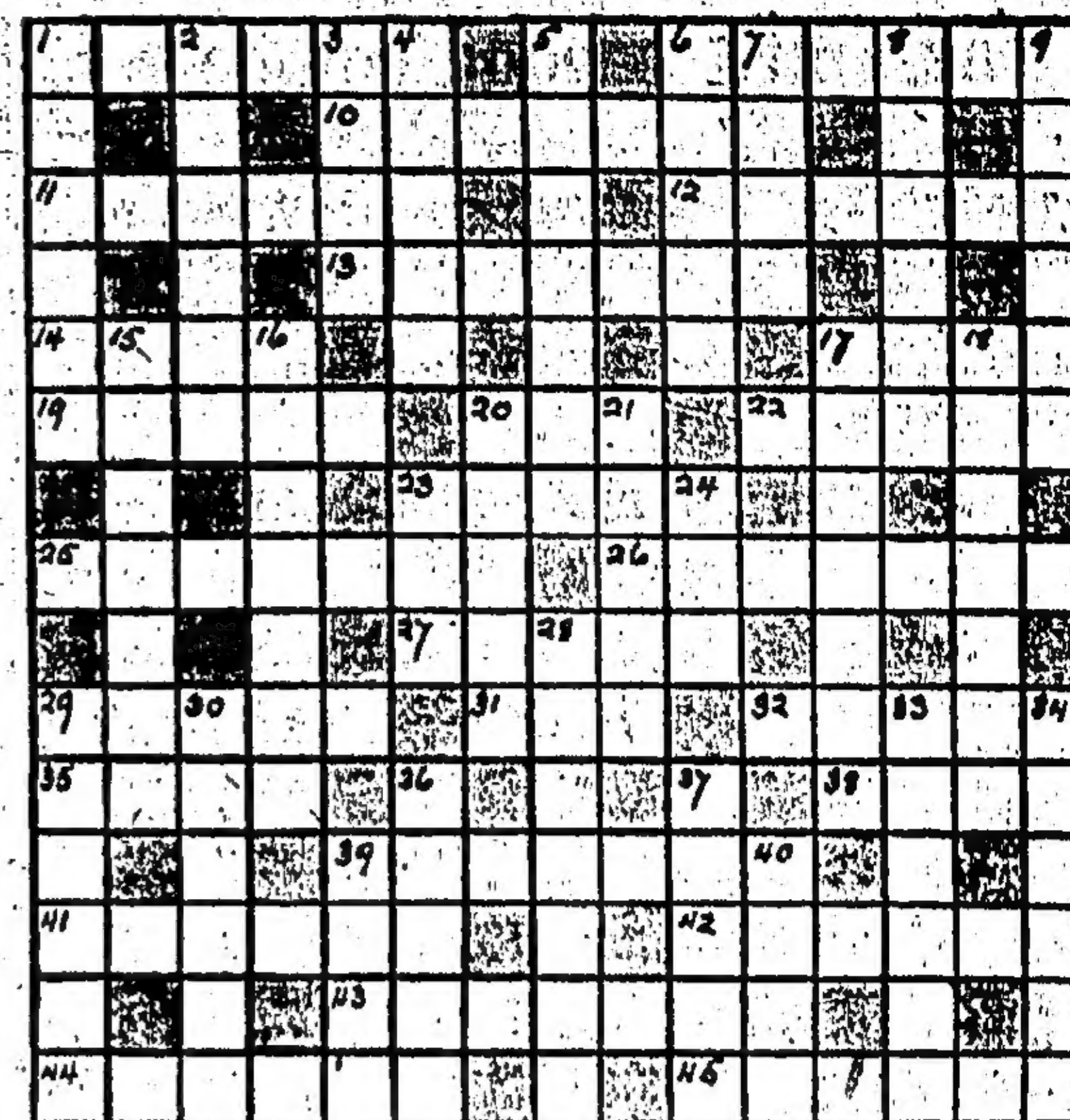
I am not discussing the merits or the demerits of the case; I am merely stating facts. The domesticated, quiet woman is not the type which the man of to-day wishes to make his companion. In the abstract, men may admire the stay-at-home girl, but he makes a companion of quite another type and, in the end, he marries her. A man is more sure to marry the girl with whom he spends his leisure time, because propinquity is the first step towards marriage. After having danced and played games with one type of girl he is not likely to marry someone quite different.

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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Crafty.
- 6 Delinquent.
- 10 Movable plane.
- 11 Pea like leguminous plant.
- 12 Required.
- 13 A leaking.
- 14 Idle talk.
- 17 Heal.
- 19 Journeys.
- 20 Writing fluid.
- 22 Female.
- 23 Ire.
- 25 Being without polarity.
- 26 Mooring post.
- 27 Sudden thrust.
- 29 Answer.
- 31 Brazilian coin.
- 32 Musical composition for eight.
- 35 Figure on an escutcheon.
- 38 Gaelic.
- 39 Orderly.
- 41 Substance obtained from cream.
- 42 Reclined.
- 43 Narcotic plant.
- 44 Hindu princess.
- 45 Dwelled.

Down.

- 1 Choose.
- 2 Kind of coach.
- 3 Utter reproaches.
- 4 Covered with tiles.
- 5 Looking for.
- 6 Vocal melodies.
- 7 Part of the leg.
- 8 Irksomeness.

- 9 Concealed.
- 15 Pistol case.
- 16 Fit to be tried.
- 17 Wood of small growth.
- 18 Gullies.
- 20 Contract.
- 21 Small anchor.
- 23 Sicken.
- 24 Part of a fish.
- 28 Pertaining to the nebulae.
- 29 Thief.
- 30 Flat part of printing press.
- 33 Small truck.
- 34 Guarded.
- 36 Marine jellylike animal.
- 37 Magnesian laminated minerals.
- 38 Vascular network of vessels (anast).
- 40 Plant deeply.

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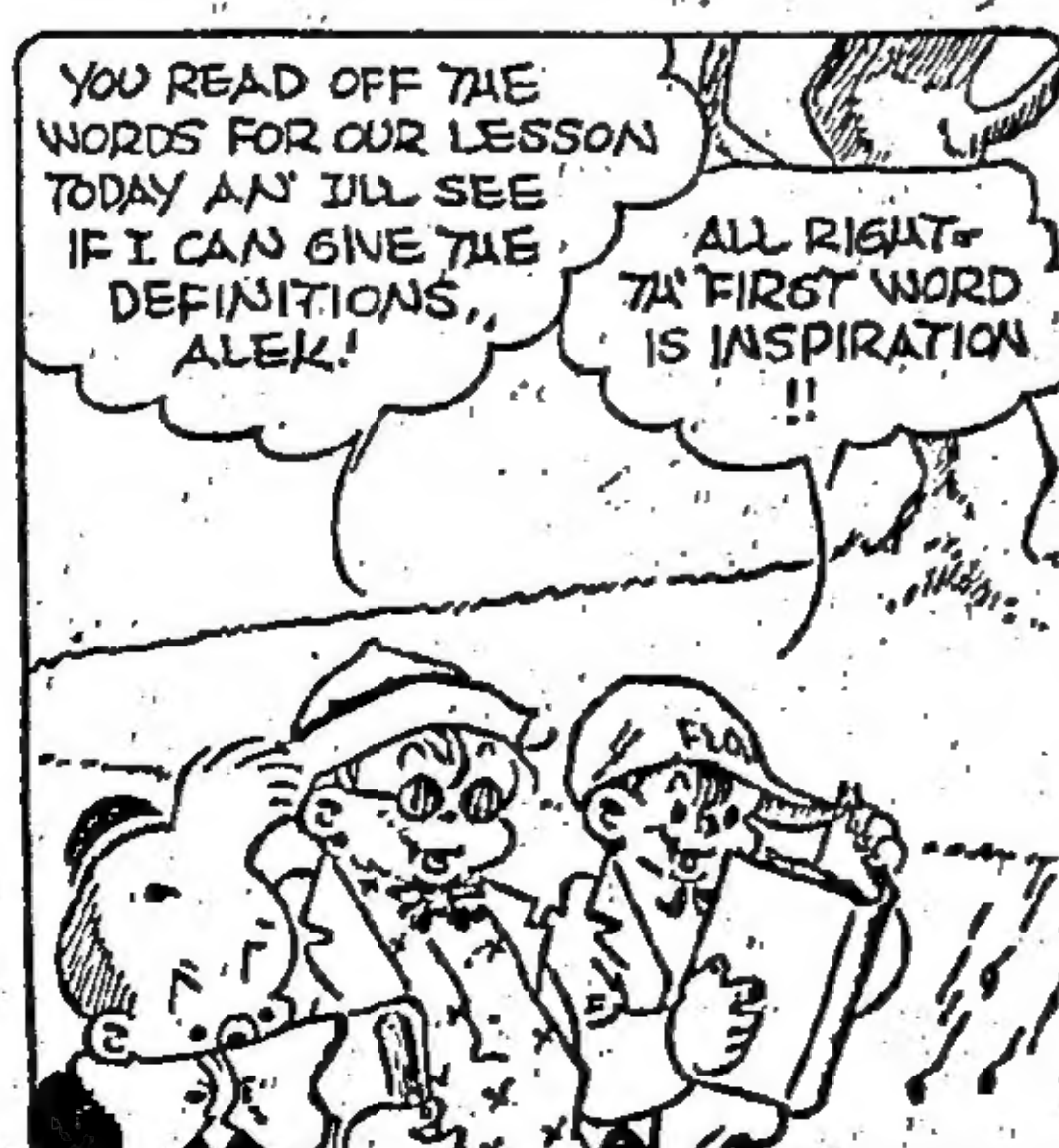
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1928.

INDO-CHINA PLOTTING.

More than usual interest attaches to the cable to hand a few days ago from Paris stating that the Communist Deputy, M. Doriot, has, in his absence in Moscow, had his sentence of a year's imprisonment increased threefold, for revolutionary activities in China and Indo-China. This development reflects the opinion held in official French circles that the Far Eastern Colony was last year placed in a somewhat critical position as a result of its contiguity to the centre of Chinese Communist agitation. The danger had to be particularly guarded against in the northern territory of Tonkin, especially as it was apparent that Soviet agents were at work. As a consequence, stringent measures were taken, including the most rigorous scrutiny of people coming into or leaving the country, and the strengthening of defences along the border.

In spite of all that was done, however, the French officials had an anxious time as a result of Communist agitation directed from Canton and other parts of South China, and of military troubles in Yunnan. At about the most critical moment, there came out to the Far East, in the early part of last year, a number of French Parliamentarians, amongst whom were M. Doriot and M. Marty, both well-known for their pronounced Communist views. They were, of course, denied admission into French Indo-China, but their trip to China and their incidental hob-nobbing on the way with Soviet associates were watched with no small anxiety by the Indo-China Government. A Pan-Asiatic Congress was about to be convened in Canton and it was obviously on the boards that Doriot, and Marty, as well as Tom Mann, were to play prominent roles at this Congress of revolutionary elements from Korea, Japan, India, and, last but not least, Indo-China. The probable result of this Congress is now only matter for conjecture, as it was never held—thanks to Marshal Li Chai-sum's refusal to allow it to be convened. Later, Doriot, Tom Mann and other foreign Communists, made their way north to Hankow, where for a period of several months they firmly entrenched themselves with

the "Red" Government. What ensued in Chinese political history of the latter part of last year. When Communism was repudiated, all these foreign interlopers soon made themselves scarce.

Subsequently, of course, there came the Communist coup in Canton, during the regrettable absence of Marshal Li Chai-sum, followed by the recapture of the city and the discovery of a mass of interesting documents in the Soviet Consulate. Amongst these documents were some which revealed partially-matured plans for a Communist attack on French Indo-China, with the support of Chinese participants and "bought over" Indo-China troops. The striking up of "Red" revolution in the absence of documentary proof, is perhaps unfair to suggest that M. Doriot was directly associated with these Soviet-inspired plans on the security of Indo-China, it is not without its significance that the period covered by the documents seized at the Russian Consulate in Canton coincided with the visit of the French and other foreign Communist politicians to the Far East. Possibly the facts revealed in the seized documents may account in part for the troubling of the sentence imposed on M. Doriot.

The Irak Crisis.

The shadow of a religious war, with fanatical fury as its natural accompaniment, looms darkly over Irak, and the British authorities at Home and in the centre of this hotbed of religious fervour, can view the recent developments with nothing but the gravest anxiety. If the report that Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, has declared war on Irak and Transjordan is confirmed, Great Britain will be morally bound to throw her entire resources into the field. Britain's preparedness to accept her heavy responsibilities has been amply demonstrated by the action already taken, but no effort must be left unspared to avoid the catastrophe if it is humanly possible. The crisis has developed with amazing rapidity, seemingly as the result of Britain's determination to teach the Wahabi raiders that they cannot penetrate Irak territory and indulge in wanton damage and massacre of men, women and children, with impunity. In reality there has been misplaced confidence in Ibn Saud. The British Government was very careful to inform him in advance of the proposed measures for repelling raiders, but he has apparently flouted the Treaty of Jeddah, signed only ten months ago, ignored the open-handed nature of the British R.A.F. action, and made a challenge declaration that the sword is the only means of freeing Arabia of the infidels. Probably Ibn Saud is acting under duress; the powerful Nejd leaders are out of control and he has decided to throw in his lot with them rather than lose the allegiance. There can, however, be no excuse for the madness on which he is apparently prepared to enter, and which, if continued, must inevitably lead to his downfall. The ultimate issue is unfortunately not the serious concern of the moment. What will happen before Ibn Saud is taught his lesson is giving cause for the present uneasiness. The past history of the Wahabis, the "Puritans of Islam," is marked by fanatical excesses against Moslems and other sects, massacres occurring at Jeddah just before Ibn Saud became King. Both Mecca, the Home of God's Grace, and Medina, the Dwelling of the Prophet, are in his territory, and the misdeeds and desecration of his partisans in the past presage further wanton destruction if their hands are freed. The Wahabis are the most powerful combination on the Arabian peninsula, their contempt of death is said to be comparable only to that of the Wahdists, and their subjection, should the necessity arise, will be a costly business. Immense British interests, however, are at stake, and we feel that if the strong hand is demanded, it will have to be applied.

Link With the Past.

A link with the past is removed in the death of Captain Richard Woodget, the octogenarian skipper of the famous tea-clipper, the Cutty Sark. The early history of Hong-kong and the graceful white-winged clippers are inevitably interwoven, and the death of this famous captain cannot be allowed to pass without a brief word in retrospect. He was a man who boasted that he never dove in the ten years during which he commanded the Cutty Sark on her dazzling runs between the Homeland and the Far East; and his wonderful personality and the pride of the men who served with him bear eloquent testimony to the truth of it. Men of his type have passed even as the almost incredibly beautiful clippers have

DAY BY DAY.

IF GOOD PEOPLE WOULD BUT MAKE THEIR GOODNESS AGREEABLE, AND SMILE, INSTEAD OF FROWNING IN THEIR VIRTUE, HOW MANY WOULD THEY WIN TO THE GOOD CAUSE!—Archbishop Usher.

Fortcoming weddings announced include that of Police Sergeant W. H. Nolloth, Chaung Chau, to Miss D. L. Gatty, on the staff of the A.P.C., residing at the Helena May Institute.

Fortcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. R. Gunningham, acting Clerk and Usher of the Supreme Court, residing at the Kowloon Hotel, to Mrs. A. M. Stuart, Peak Hotel.

The tea party which was to have been given to-morrow by the Committee of the Khakea Diwan to Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, Hongkong's first Indian barrister, has been postponed to a date which will be announced later.

A bus driver has reported to the police that he knocked down a Chinese girl in Nathan Road yesterday, when she unexpectedly ran out from the verandah and got into his way. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Robert Miller, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Blackhall, Middlethian, and Miss Doris Punccheon, younger daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. James Punccheon, of Kowloon Docks.

Six men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on charges of being connected with local Triad Lodges. They were formally remanded, on an application from Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for two of the defendants.

Sir Peter Grail, Judge of H. B. M. Supreme Court in China, is returning to Shanghai by the a.s. Calcha which left Hongkong this afternoon. He is accompanied by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, who will sit in the Full Court of Appeal in Shanghai.

Worshippers at the St. John's Cathedral are notified that neither the Dean nor Mr. Koop will be at the Cathedral in future on Mondays. This means no Matins or Evensong on Mondays except when Saints' Days fall on them. In cases of urgency the Clergy may be reached by telephone at their home addresses.

Among the passengers leaving on the Canadian Pacific a.s. Empress of Russia yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Armstrong, Mrs. W. N. Buyers, Mr. H. B. Clark, Colonel W. E. Dockrill, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dixon, Hon. Mr. A. M. Goodman, Hon. Mr. L. McLean, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Dr. W. H. Miller, Mr. T. E. Mitchell, Mr. K. A. Mason, Capt. R. John Mot, Capt. D. C. Rule, Mr. J. E. Rutter, Rev. W. A. Spicer, Rev. J. L. Shaw, Dr. V. Beyer, Mr. H. J. Fountain.

Charlie Chaplin, star of "The Circus," the big comedy now showing at the Queen's Theatre, says that a comedian should never do the ordinary impossible thing, the thing that could not happen. The world's foremost comedian believes there must be an element of reasonableness even in farce. Charlie goes even further than that and says a comedian fails if he is merely funny and there is no deeper meaning behind his humour. Charlie has carefully followed these principles in making "The Circus," and as a result that film is not only a delicious comedy but is also a very human picture.

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Madrid	124.05
Athens	124.05
Rio	124.05
Bombay	124.05
Hongkong	124.05
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Silver (forward)	124.05

—British Wireless.

passed, though both made a great fight before they allowed the romance of the sea to disappear into a trailing cloud of black smoke from the funnel of a rusty steamer. But utility conquered romance even as Time has claimed its own.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Local Music—New Records Reviewed.

[BY "ALLEGRO".]

The recital of Modern Music at the Helena May Institute on Feb. 23rd attracted a large audience. Mrs. Clements sang two groups of songs and it was a pleasure to hear her voice again after her long absence from the Colony. Mrs. Cushman gave three piano solos by Debussy, and four others of which "March Wind" by Macdowell was the most attractive and the finale from Paderewski's Variations the most brilliant. The piano was too brightly-toned to enable the player to obtain the finer shades which are essential in the rendering of Debussy and especially in a piece of such atmosphere as his "Chaire de Lune." But what a splendid concert for fifty cents! Our thanks are due to the two excellent artists for their contribution to the season's musical entertainments.

For the Musicals on March 22nd, a rather special programme is being prepared. I believe there will be a performance by three violinists, and an extra grand piano is to be hired for the occasion to enable Mrs. Cushman to play Grieg's beautiful Piano Concerto, the orchestral accompaniment being played on the second piano. The first movement will be given in the middle of the programme and the last two movements will wind up the concert.

The concert by two Russians who were passing through the Colony, which was mentioned in the last Jottings as being a forthcoming attraction at the Star Theatre, had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour owing to their passports being endorsed, I understand, for passing through the Colony but not for landing here. The musicians, who were practically penniless, were in tears owing to the police action. This is not the first time that artists have been debarred from performing while passing through here owing to the local regulations. I imagine that everyone's sympathy will go out to the disappointed musicians, whose chances of making a little money to carry them to their next destination are destroyed by an irregularity in their passports.

The *Cesar Franck Symphony*, which was recorded at the Three Choirs Festival and ruined by a chance remark picked up by the microphone, as mentioned in this column four weeks ago, is, I find, recorded splendidly by the Victor Company. It is a magnificent work, and when Moutrie's sent it round on approval the day after the Jottings appeared, I decided to forego one of the Race Meetings and buy the five records instead. At the moment, the greatest musical pleasure I know is to sit and listen to it.

A good recording in the last batch of Victor records was that of a Haydn Trio, played by the famous three, Cortot, Thibaud and Casals. The De Luca operatic record was also very good. One could not help regretting that Cortot had chosen the *Harmonious Blacksmith Variations* for the one piano disc of the month. A few of the H. M. V. January records were sent out here, the best being another solo by that boy, Master Lough, whose singing at the Temple Church and whose record of "Hear My Prayer" have caused such a furor. The new solo is "Dear Ye, Israel," on a double-sided 10-inch and is, if possible, better than his former triumph. There were also two organ records, one choral one (ecclesiastical) and some foxtrots.

A large batch of Columbia records appeared last month, which included the famous Wagner March, "Hymn," written for the King of Bavaria in 1864. Formichi, the baritone, sings very well in arias from "Othello" and "Tosca," and Hubert Eisdell introduces us to a charming song "Sweet, Be not Proud." Dora Labette's voice comes through well in a cantata of Bach, a style of music that suits her. I can recommend the violin solos of William Primrose and the two Debussy arrangements for cello, played by Squire.

In piano records there are two by Murdoch, one of the Schubert-Tausig "Marches Militaires," so popular at concerts, and one of Liszt's "Liebestraum" with two slight works on the other side. I wonder why all the gramophone companies produce the same pieces over and over again played by different artists, when there are so many famous works not yet recorded by anyone? "Liebestraum" is one example. It must have been recorded by a dozen pianists. Chopin's *Black Key* and *Butterfly Studies*, and Liszt's *2nd Hungarian Rhapsody* are other examples. When one has a good record of a piece played by a good player, one naturally turns to other works when contemplating new purchases. And yet, of Chopin's works alone, there are no records yet in existence made by either of the leading companies, of his two Concertos, two out of four Ballades, two out of four Scherzos, several of the Etudes, Waltzes, Nocturnes and Polonaises, and the majority of Mazurkas and miscellaneous pieces!

The Very Idea!

Irene master (to negro servant):—"Rastus, I thought I told you to get a domestic duck. This one has shot in it."
Rastus—"I done got a domestic duck, sah."
Master—"Well, how did the shot get in it?"
Rastus—"I specks they was meant for me, sah."

In changing St. Helen's passage to Hell-passage, the Oxford City Council are rather against modern fashion, which is towards names of extreme moderation and propriety. No censor, however, has yet managed to emancipate the famous "Hell" of St. Andrews Links. There were once other "Hells" in London: one a debtor's prison at Westminster (so-called in a deed of 1485); another a building on the site of the Victoria and Albert Museum (1745); and a Hell Corner, where Love-lane led into Hogmore-lane (now Gloucester-road).

Woman refusing an offer of a chair at Kingston County Court: I can talk better standing.
Mr. Registrar Friend, to a man at Clerkenwell County Court: Your grievance is that you cannot let part of your premises and at the same time continue to owe your landlord his rent. It is a grievance of a great many people nowadays.
Letters received at Clerkenwell County Court recently included one from a Southwark resident who complained of the damage done to her furniture by the floods. The letter was addressed from "Noah's Ark-alley."

An American entered a tea-shop and ordered from the waitress, "Two boiled eggs and a kind word."
In due course the eggs were brought, and the waitress was about to leave the table, when the American said:—"Say, what about the kind word?"
The waitress leaned over and whispered:—"Don't eat them eggs!"

A story about Mr. Winston Churchill when a youngster is told in the current "Corahill," in the course of C.H.P. Mayo's reminiscences as a Harrow master. "The occasion was among the chance remarks picked up by a first, if not my first school lesson in Harrow, and the subject was algebra."
"It was necessary to find out what the boys knew, and to start accordingly."
"At last, sotto-voce, as I thought, I said, 'What am I to do with boys who know nothing?'"
"At once came a reply, in gentle, hissing tones, from a young, fair-headed boy of about fifteen. With a winning smile, he looked up at me and said, 'Please, sir, teach us.'"
"At the time I did not know his name, but it was Winston Churchill. The lesson he gave me was most valuable."

The boy of the present day calls his father "Old Bean."—The Bishop of Leicester.
The time will come when strikes will be things of the past.—Mr. Maurice Denny.
It is with the people that the future of architecture lies.—Mr. Walter Tapper, A.R.A.
A course on housewifery should form part of the curriculum of the boy's school.—Miss Rose Macaulay.

The effect of a summons is occasionally soothing but more often inflammatory.—Mr. W. B. Lake (Willisden Magistrate).
Why should not boys be taught to darn their own stockings, make their own beds, and be able to cook a meal for themselves?—Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser.
The brain of Prof. Vladimir Bechtereff will be the fourth exhibit in the "brain" pantheon which he founded in Moscow. Upon the death of the noted psychiatrist it was recalled that he had willed his own brain to take its place with those of other great notables secured by him for scientific study for the source of talent and genius.

The brains now in the collection include those of Anton Rubinstein, famous pianist and composer; Alexander Kohn, writer, jurist and ranking member of the Academy of Science; and Dmitri Mendeleeff, naturalist and chemist.

"When I was a little boy," piped the hard-hearted sergeant, "I had a set of wooden soldiers. One day I lost my soldiers and I cried very much. But my mother said:—'Never mind, Johnny, some day you will get your wooden soldiers back; and, believe me, you bunch of wooden headed idiots, that day has come.'"

Patient—"Doctor, what are my chances?"
"Doctor—"Oh, pretty good, but don't start reading any long-continued stories!"

RE-TRIAL REQUEST DROPPED.**APPELLANTS HAVE TO PAY EXTRA COSTS.****LETTERS IGNORED.**

A case in which the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, recently remarked that he could not be expected to wait upon the convenience of witnesses was recalled in the Full Court this morning when Mr. F. C. Jenkin made an application for the dismissal of a notice of motion for a new trial.

The case concerned a dispute over promissory notes, the plaintiffs being Wong Wah-chung, trustee of the Yee Hong Bank (in bankruptcy) claiming \$27,231.13 from the Tai Hing Wo firm and Tse Chau Tam, both of 182, Connaught Road Central. The claim was based on three promissory notes of \$10,000 each dated January 23, 1925, and now overdue. The notes were not paid at an extended date. The case for the plaintiffs was that two sums of \$1,000 and \$2,000 had been paid, the former on Sept. 4, 1925, and the latter on Sept. 15, 1925.

The defendants contended the money had been repaid.

Counsel for the plaintiff were Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. H. G. Sheldon and for the defendants Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

When the case was originally heard Mr. Alabaster asked for an adjournment because the only witness was in Canton but his Lordship refused to grant the application.

During the hearing references were made to certain important books of account that were missing. Judgment was given for the defendants with costs.

New Trial Motion.

Mr. Jenkin this morning said the appellants had accepted short notice of motion.

Judgment was delivered on January 17th, and on February 1st, 1928, the appellants filed notice of motion for a new trial. The Appeal Court sat for the first time on February 27 but two days before the appellants filed a notice withdrawing.

The briefs had naturally, and properly, been delivered to counsel for the respondents, and on February 27th the respondents' solicitors wrote asking for payment of the taxed costs of the respondents, incidental to the notice of motion, stating that otherwise application would be made to the Court.

No answer was received to that letter and a further letter was written without result.

Mr. Jenkin concluded by applying for dismissal of the notice of motion with costs, including the costs of the application. They were only rendered necessary because of the appellants failing to give an undertaking to pay the taxed costs. The court granted the application.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.**GOOD PROFIT MADE LAST YEAR.**

The Directors' report of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1927, states:

The profit for the year is \$121,523.36, and after deducting the sum brought forward from the previous year, \$29,562.65, the balance to be dealt with is \$91,960.71, which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—To place to Reserve for probable losses on sales of bricks, pipes, etc., at Deep Water Bay Works, \$20,000; and carry forward to the credit of next year's account, \$71,960.71.

Directors.—During the year Mr. J. H. Taggart was invited to a seat on the Board and this appointment requires confirmation. Under Article XII (14) of the Articles of Association, Messrs. C. A. da Roza and Li Tse Fong retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who are eligible for re-appointment.

CANTON POLICE CHIEF.**TANG YING-WAH TO REMAIN UNTIL H. E.'S RETURN.**

The Canton Government has requested General Tang Ying-wah to retain his office as Chief of Police for a few days in view of the coming visit to Canton of His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong.

Police work will have to be carefully organised and the Government does not desire to trust such important matters to a new hand.

"WARRIOR KING'S" VISIT.**LONDON READY FOR AMANULLAH.****WILL SEE EVERY PHASE OF BRITISH LIFE.****OLD WAYS AND NEW.**

London, Mar. 7.

The programme of the visit of the King of Afghanistan to England is of a comprehensiveness without parallel in previous visits of any foreign ruler.

The King will see every phase of British life—military, naval, aerial, industrial and social.—*British Wireless.*

Amanullah, "the Warrior King" of Afghanistan, is on his way to England. His tour through Asia and Europe has attracted the curiosity and excited the imagination of most people throughout the world, and, if report be true, has shocked some of his friends and provoked some of his enemies at home.

For the young Amir—he will be thirty-six on June 1 of this year—is an adventurous pioneer who has made up his mind to bring Afghanistan up to date. He himself has let it be known that his present travels have for their object the gathering of information about men and cities and Governments in Europe.

Looking For The Best.

When he passed through Alexandria he declared that the Afghans had fought the enemy for eighty-eight years in defence of their independence, although they did not know the meaning of the word independence. He is proud of Afghan pluck. Within a few days he was saying at Naples that he was on the look-out for what is best in European civilisation and society, so that he may apply it to Afghanistan. His combination of pride in the past, avidity for improvement, and personal courage add to the already great historic interest of his pilgrimage from the wilds of Afghanistan.

Afghanistan, wedged between Russian territory on the north and India on the south, corresponds to, and is no doubt partly responsible for, the ruggedness of the Afghan character. There are probably five million inhabitants, although statistics are an unknown science, and there are no exact figures of population or of trade of anything. The men are either farmers or soldiers. The average Afghan probably does not know that any other occupation is available.

Religion And Customs.

The Afghan's progress towards law and order is still at a primitive stage. It is not inconsistent that the people are tough, can stand hardships easily, are athletic, well-built, and physically handsome. Their women have the Jewish type of beauty. The farmers have evolved a highly efficient and original system of land drainage. The religion is Mohammedan, Afghanistan being the next most important Mohammedan country after Turkey.

In this State visit to England the people of England will have a rare opportunity of seeing a party of representative Afghan men and women. The party includes the King himself, Amanullah Khan—Khan means representatives of the people, although the Amir is a monarch with absolute power—his Queen, two Princesses, sisters of the King and Queen respectively, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is the King's cousin, being married to the King's sister, the Grand Chamberlain, the Speaker of the Afghan Parliament, the Governor of Kabul, and many other officials and other non-official people, including Prince Rahmatollah Khan, the King's young son.

The Emancipation of Women.

One of the Amir's ideals is the emancipation of Afghan women from their position of virtual slavery. He has set up schools for female education—a step which has excited Mohammedan opposition and partly led to the rebellion of 1924. His Westernisation programme, however, is being vigorously prosecuted. He is "post-war" in every sense. It was in February, 1919, that his father, Habibullah Khan, was assassinated. Habibullah's brother thereupon declared himself Amir, but Amanullah, being a youth of determination, was sitting on the throne within six days. In the summer of that year he was fighting with British troops, but quickly negotiated a treaty with Great Britain which recognised Afghan independence. Since that time the Amir's energy has been devoted to pacific and constructive ends. Russian intrigue has left him cold, for the Soviet system of an inverted dictatorship clearly could

HONGKONG HOTEL CLAIM.**MR. L. E. HAYNES PROMISES PAYMENT.****NOT THE DEFENDANT.**

The case in which the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, are suing Mr. J. T. Dobbie, formerly of the Hongkong Herald Publishing Company, 5, Wyndham Street, for \$123.35, under a letter of guarantee for Mr. L. E. Haynes, was before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiffs claimed under the following letter, dated December 2nd, 1927:

Dear Sirs,—Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., vs. L. E. Haynes. —In consideration of your withdrawing the warrant of execution against Mr. L. E. Haynes in respect of the above action, I hereby agree to pay you within one month of date the sum of \$123.35.—Yours faithfully (Sd.) Jas. T. Dobbie. The plaintiffs also claimed their costs.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Haynes was also in Court.

When Mr. Dobbie's name was called, he did not appear and Mr. Marton said that Mr. Haynes had agreed to consent to judgment.

Not The Defendant.

His Lordship:—He is not entitled to consent. He is not the defendant.

Mr. Marton:—He has agreed to pay the debt.

His Lordship:—Yes, I know; but he is not the defendant.

Mr. Haynes:—I am the original defendant, my Lord.

His Lordship (to Mr. Marton):—He is not a party to these proceedings.

Mr. Marton:—No, he is not in this case. I was under the impression that when you said the case was being adjourned until to-day that notice was being given by the Court to the defendant.

His Lordship:—No, I asked you to give notice.

Mr. Marton:—I am sorry. I did not realise you did. Will your Lordship adjourn the case for a week?

To Be Paid Soon.

His Lordship:—When is the debt likely to be paid?

Mr. Marton:—Mr. Haynes says he will pay it within seven days.

His Lordship said he would put the case down for Saturday morning, March 17th, in chambers, and Mr. Marton would give notice of that date to Mr. Dobbie. If the matter was settled then, the settlement could be recorded.

Mr. Haynes:—It will be settled, my Lord.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.**SALVAGE WORK ON THE FONTAINEBLEAU.**

Advices to the *Impartial* of Saigon states that the M.M. steamer Fontainebleau, which sank in the harbour of Djibouti after an outbreak of fire on July 14th last, will soon be refloated. The salvage operations will be conducted by a Russian engineer, M. Sidenier, an expert well known for his salvage work.

The work has already commenced, and is expected to be completed before the end of the present year. It is also hoped to recover a part of the cargo. Resting with a marked tilt to starboard, half of the vessel's superstructure is now uncovered even at high tide.

CLOUDY, BUT NO RAIN.

The weather report of the Royal Observatory states: the anticyclone is stationary over South Manchuria. Depressions are shown over Indo-China and to the North-east of Shanghai. The monsoon is interrupted.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-west or variable winds, moderate; cloudy.

not appeal to a dictator of the other kind.

The very decision to take his women-folk with him was an essay in modernism on Amanullah's part. That his Queen is appearing unveiled in Europe is another bold innovation. The Amir is understood to hold the view that veils for women and flowing robes, instead of hats, collars, and Western suits for men, expose his country to the contempt of Western peoples. He has, therefore, by decree removed all restrictions whatever on Afghan dress. He himself is travelling in a Western suit; the Queen and Princesses in Western frocks, hats, and cloaks.

NEW BUNGALOWS AT \$2,000.**STRAITS BUILDING EXPERIMENT.****SCOPE FOR ALL-CONCRETE STRUCTURES.****MUNICIPAL WASTE.**

Considerable comment has been aroused in Singapore by the statement that the eighteen houses which the Municipality are proposing to build for their European staff during the current year will cost \$40,000 each, inclusive of land.

Strong criticism of the Municipal housing policy is heard in some quarters, where it is suggested that the Municipality are giving their employees, both the European and subordinate staff, housing accommodation far superior to what they would be able to obtain if they were in commercial or professional employment.

This view finds confirmation in statements made by a Straits Times representative by a leading Singapore architect, and by Mr. W. Dunman, who showed at Grove Estate, Katong, what can be done with an all concrete type of bungalow to reduce building costs and avoid the use of skilled labour and expensive materials.

Very Extravagant.

Asked what he thought of \$40,000 as a price for Municipal European quarters, a local architect, who has had long experience of building for firms and private individuals in Singapore, said he thought it was very extravagant. "That is the cost of a first-class modern house such as is being built for heads of firms in Singapore to-day," he said. "In the ordinary way people living in a house of that type would be receiving anything from \$1,500 a month upwards, and I think these Municipal houses are extremely costly, considering what people in a similar position in commerce have to put up with."

"Taking six per cent. as a reasonable return upon capital invested in building—and that is a very moderate figure—the Municipality ought to charge, \$200 a month for these houses, and if they were let to outside tenants the assessment would bring the rent up to \$230. For the class of Municipal employees who will be living in these houses that figure is ridiculous."

Bungalow For \$2,000.

Anyone who wishes to see what can be done in the way of cheap and satisfactory housing construction, (says the *Straits Times*) should inspect an all-concrete bungalow which Mr. W. Dunman has erected near his own house on Grove Estate, Katong.

The most important fact about this bungalow is that it cost \$2,000—an almost incredible figure in view of present building costs in Singapore. Admittedly it would require rather more ornamentation if it were to be built as an investment, but even allowing for extras which Mr. Dunman has not provided the final cost would still be far below any figure obtainable from a local contractor to-day.

Describing his experiment, Mr. Dunman said, "I put up this house in order to test what I already knew could be done in the matter of cheap and good building, and with that end in view I have taken careful note of every item of expenditure. The building comprises two rooms 24 feet by 16, with a bathroom 16 feet by 7. Proper foundations have been put in, and the floor level raised to 2 feet 6 inches above the ground. The house is constructed of concrete throughout, except for the woodwork in the doors and windows. The base wall is twelve inches thick, and the pillars 12 inches by 12. The walls are 4 inches thick, and are 9 feet 6 inches high. The use of skilled labour has been eliminated. The work has been done entirely by my Javanese estate coolies, who are paid sixty to seventy cents a day, whereas a Chinese bricklayer expects from \$2 to \$2.50 a day. The house has been completed in two and a half months, and its total cost has been \$2,000, including the wages of a supervisor."

Method of Construction

"The method of construction has been to build wooden frames of the required width, dump in broken brick and other rubble, pour in liquid cement and sand, properly mixed, and leave it to set. When you take the frames away you have a strong concrete wall. The only skilled labour employed was used for the woodwork of the doors and windows. I am certain that a bungalow with two bedrooms, a 30-ft. living-room, servants' quarters, and garage could be built on these lines for a minimum cost of \$5,000, where as

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MONTH'S TRAFFIC FIGURES.**ARRIVALS 4,000 MORE THAN DEPARTURES.****HONGKONG RETURNS.**

The return of passengers carried by vessels arriving and departing from Hongkong for the month of February has now been issued. It shows that there were approximately 4,000 more arrivals than departures during the period.

This compares favourably with the previous month, but it should be noted that the exodus and return has been considerably influenced by the incidence of Chinese New Year.

Ocean-going steamers carried approximately 12,000 more departures than arrivals, but this was balanced by an excess of arrivals over departures, to approximately the same number, by river steamers, while junk and launch arrivals, made a balance of nearly 4,000 of arrivals.

The figures for the period are:

	Arrivals	Depts.
Ocean-Going Steamers	30,124	51,032
River Steamers	112,380	100,050
Junks and Launches	9,906	6,587

Total 161,500 157,669

TWO RECENT WILLS.**ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL ESTATES.**

Mr. H. J. Robertson, formerly of Hankow, lately residing at 18, Route Doumer, French Concession, Shanghai, who died in the Country Hospital on May 4th last year, left gross English estate of \$5,377 6s. 3d. and Hongkong estate of \$89,600.

Resealing of probate has been granted to Mr. C. E. H. Benvis and Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who are the attorneys of Mr. H. G. Robertson (son), the sole executor.

Resealing of letters of administration in respect of the estate of Mrs. E. A. M. Mackenzie, late of 32, Baldov Road, Hastings, Sussex, has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is the attorney of Mr. K. O. Mackenzie (son), of Bramley Grange Hotel, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.

Mrs. Mackenzie, a widow, died intestate at 34, Wellington Square, Hastings, on February 11th last year, and left property in Shanghai, Hongkong and Singapore. Net English estate amounts to \$27,811 8s. 3d. and the value of the Hongkong estate is \$3,000.

Lady Clementi, Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotsch, left for Canton by s.s. Kin-shan at 8 a.m. to-day.

A Chinese case of diphtheria, and two cases of typhoid (one Chinese and one Norwegian) were reported to the M.O.H. yesterday.

Prince and Princess Zario are due to arrive here on Saturday morning by s.s. President Polk from the United States and will proceed to Marseilles by the same vessel.

No announcement has yet been made with regard to the s.s. Wing On, and the s.s. Sanning, and their sailing for West River ports is still uncertain. Registration difficulties were understood to have been settled, but further points raised have yet to be settled.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 11 of this issue.

1. For what study has \$1,000 for the foundation of a prize recently been given to the University of Cambridge?
2. What is the size of the "Smallest English Dictionary in the World" sold recently?
3. Explain the origin of the saying, "As rich as Croesus."
4. What tree sometimes has more than a hundred trunks?
5. What were the weapons of Jupiter? Apollo?
6. Name the unit that is used in measuring the speed of a ship.
7. Name the famous poem which relates how a knight was beguiled to an "elfin grail" by a sorceress. Who wrote it?
8. What was St. Paul's name before his conversion?
9. What is the first note of a musical scale called? Which note is the leading note?
10. In geography, what are Cancer and Capricorn?
11. Name the articles of diet suggested by these towns: Everton; Whitstable; Jaffa; York; Reading.
12. What were the wars between Rome and Carthage called?

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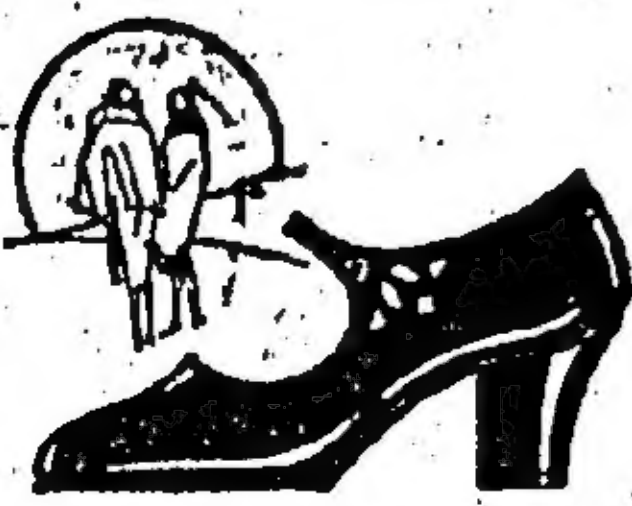
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HOME FOOTBALL

HEARTS HOLD THE RANGERS.

London, Mar. 7.
A number of matches were played in the English and Scottish Leagues to-day. Huddersfield and the Rangers, the sides with the best prospects, were both away from home and shared in goalless draws.

The Arsenal trounced Liverpool. The list of results is appended:

Division I.			
Arsenal	6	Liverpool	8
Birmingham	1	Wednesday	0
Manchester U.	0	Huddersfield	0
Division III (North).			
New Brighton	0	Wrexham	0
Scottish League.			
Airdrie	8	Dunfermline	1
Partick	2	Kilmarnock	0
Motherwell	2	Dundee	2
Hearts	0	Rangers	0
Cowdenbeath	8	Hibernians	1

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches to be played on Saturday next (March 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on
March 10th.

DIVISION I.			
Bolton	v	Arsenal.	
Birmingham	v	Sheffield U.	
Cardiff	v	Leicester.	

DIVISION II.			
Chelsea	v	Preston.	
Grimsby	v	Notts Forest.	
Reading	v	Manchester C.	

DIVISION III.			
Luton	v	Swindon.	
Norwich	v	Plymouth.	
Nelson	v	Lincoln.	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.			
Airdrie	v	Celtic.	
Clyde	v	Queen's Park.	
C'beath	v	Motherwell.	

Name

Address

No. 28. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelopes.

MAKE AND KEEP THIS DUPLICATE LIST. DO NOT FORWARD IT TO US. IT IS PRINTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP A RECORD OF THE FORECASTS YOU HAVE SENT IN:

Bolton	v	Arsenal.
Birmingham	v	Sheffield U.
Cardiff	v	Leicester.
Chelsea	v	Preston.
Grimsby	v	Notts Forest.
Reading	v	Manchester C.
Luton	v	Swindon.
Norwich	v	Plymouth.
Nelson	v	Lincoln.
Airdrie	v	Celtic.
Clyde	v	Queen's Park.
C'beath	v	Motherwell.

Among passengers arriving yesterday by a.s. Calchas from Europe, was Mr. D. Buchanan, son of Mr. G. Buchanan, of the Steamboat Company. He will take up an appointment as second mate with a local shipping firm.

KOWLOON'S SHIELD TEAM.

AT FULL STRENGTH FOR SEMI-FINAL REPLAY.

The following teams have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club in their matches on Saturday, 10th inst.:

First XI v. H.K.F.C., Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.;—Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Hedley, Sims, McKelvie; Duncan, Kernick, Northey, Muir, Milca. Reserves:—Reed, Vickers. Second XI v. St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's ground, 3 p.m.;—Wood; Guest, Clarke; Roberts, Bliss, Dunnett; Pile, May, Cones, Tiernan, Blacklock. Reserve: Eastman.

JUNK PEOPLE FINED.

LOITERING NEAR NAVY ANCHORAGE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Chan Kau and Chan To, mistresses of fishing junks, were charged under a Harbour Master's Regulation, dated February 28th with loitering within 100 yards of the sea wall in the area of the Naval Anchorage. Both defendants pleaded guilty, but stated that, owing to adverse winds, they were unable to proceed.

Sergeant Hudson, making the charge, stated that in his opinion the accused were using grapplings, but as these had been slipped on the approach of the officer, there was no evidence to produce. In the forefront of each boat, however, there had been found grapplings.

Questioned, the accused stated that these implements were used for shrimping.

A fine of \$5, with the usual alternative, was inflicted in each case.

MORE UNWHOLESOME PORK.

PIG WHICH DIED OF SWINE FEVER.

Arrested on the Tsau Wan Road Tuesday afternoon, whilst conveying a quantity of unwholesome pork from Un Long, a Chinese butcher appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being in possession of pork which was unfit for human consumption.

The defendant claimed that the pig was slaughtered at Un Long just before he made the purchase. Mr. Reidy, assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, said the pig had died of swine fever, and was dressed after death. It had not been bled properly and bore dark red spots. The pig had died about 24 hours before examination.

When asked if he wished to make a statement, the defendant said he himself had seen the pig slaughtered.

His Worship pointed out that because defendant saw the pig killed it did not necessarily show that the pork was not unwholesome.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

SHROFF'S BODY FOUND.

BELIEVED TO HAVE HANGED HIMSELF.

What appears to have been a case of suicide has been brought to light, with the discovery yesterday, of the body of a Chinese in Bowen Road. It was suspended by the neck from the railings of the bridge overlooking the filter beds. A thong made of cow-hide was passed round the neck in a loop, while the other end was attached to the iron railings. The body was suspended in mid-air above the filter beds when it was found by a constable on patrol duty.

In a police report issued this morning, it is stated that the deceased has been identified as Lung Woo, 35 years of age, who was formerly employed as a shoof in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—During a costume ball at the American Legation in Prague, states a Montaguepost message, a woman guest suddenly noticed she had lost a valuable tiara, which consisted of four rows of diamonds set in gold, and was an old family heirloom. An energetic search was made, but the missing diadem was nowhere to be found. Many of the company present, suspecting theft, were anxious for the police to take up the matter there and then. Such a course, however, would have caused diplomatic complications. The American Minister offered to replace the lost jewel, but this was not accepted by the owner.

JUNK GIRL'S DEATH.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE IN COURT.

Mr. Leo D'Almada de Castro, junior, instructed by the Mr. Leo D'Almada de Castro, senior, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, to defend Kwok Shun-lee, the steersman of a small Chinese fishing junk. Kwok was charged with the manslaughter of a small Chinese girl on February 20th, the girl meeting her death following a collision between the junk which defendant was steering and a small sampan on which the deceased was sleeping.

Dr. A. Cannon, officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, was called to give evidence of the post mortem examination. He said that the cause of death was primarily due to a fracture at the base of the skull, the secondary cause being cerebral abrasion due to a rupture of an artery of the brain. The general condition of the body was good, the only external signs of injury being a few bruises at the back of the left ear.

Sergeant Kirby, attached to the Police Station at Stanley, said that about noon on February 20 he was in the charge room when a Chinese named Leung Ching made a report to him, in consequence of which he proceeded with the man to Po Tai Island on a police launch. Witness was taken to a small fishing junk lying close inshore in the bay. On the boat was the body of a small Chinese girl which witness later caused to be removed to the Public Mortuary. Witness examined the boat and found that there was a splinter in the gunwale about nine inches wide and about two inches deep. The position of the splinter was about amidships.

A big fishing junk was pointed out to the witness by Leung Ching about 120 yards away from the sampan. Witness found the defendant and seven others on board. An examination of the bow showed that one of the crossboards of the bow had been cracked. Witness opined that the crack could have been caused by heavy seas or by the vessel striking a rock or other hard object. Defendant and another steersman were taken to the Police Station for their statements to be taken. On March 3rd, defendant was arrested and charged with manslaughter.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, witness said that the gunwale of the fishing boat was about eighteen inches to two feet out of water. The boat was a lightly built one. The damage to the crossboard on the junk was about 18 inches out of water. In witness' opinion the damage must have been caused by a heavy impact and the Sergeant agreed with counsel that it could have been caused by the junk pitching and coming down heavily on the sampan.

Witness, in answer to further questions, stated that he had no idea what sort of weather prevailed at the time of the accident, but stated that when he went out in the police launch, the seas were choppy and it was quite windy.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD POSTURE.

SIMPLE EXERCISES HELP.

At various times fads in posture have swept across our country. There have been the "debutante slouch" and the "Gibson girl" and many others.

To-day the schools are teaching the advantages of good posture and the kindergarten emphasizes proper methods of standing even in the pre-school age.

A person inherits from his ancestors a certain type of back and a certain type of posture just as he inherits any other characteristics. However, these inherited tendencies can be overcome to a certain extent by proper training.

Diseases that affect the muscles, the bones and the ligaments also interfere with proper posture and must be treated according to modern scientific methods. Here are the ten requirements for good posture:

Some Rules.

- 1—Stand tall.
- 2—Sit tall.
- 3—Walk tall and "chesty" with weight transmitted to balls of feet.
- 4—Draw in abdomen, pulling it back and upward.
- 5—Keep shoulders high and square.
- 6—Pull chin straight toward collar button.
- 7—Flatten hollow of back by rolling pelvis downward.
- 8—Separate shoulders from hips as far as possible.
- 9—Loose and flat.
- 10—Think tall.

CINEMA NOTES.

"DRUSILLA WITH A MILLION."

A picture which has been described as having the greatest human appeal of any picture of recent years is "Drusilla with a Million," which comes to the World Theatre to-day.

Mary Carr is Drusilla, a pathetic old soul, consigned to an old ladies home to spend her last days there in toll and drudgery. But, by an odd turn of fate, a distant relative dies and leaves her a million dollars and a beautiful country home. The story develops in a most dramatic and logical fashion, culminating in a superb emotional climax. Mary Carr's work far transcends anything she has ever done before. Frisilla Bonner, hitherto little known, has a part which would delight Lillian Gish, and she gives a most appealing screen performance. "Drusilla with a Million" will be screened till Saturday at the usual times, and those who have already seen "The Circus" at the Queen's Theatre should certainly not miss the opportunity of seeing this dramatic production.

"The Little Irish Girl."

Cinema-goers who were impressed by the performance of Dolores Costello in "The Sea Beast" and "Bride of the Storm" must not miss her performance in her latest production "The Little Irish Girl," which comes to the World Theatre to-day. Miss Costello plays the part of an innocent decoy for a band of crooks whose main line of operations is shoplifting. These crooks go further afield and scheme to rob a country hotel proprietress—an old lady—of her life's savings. How their plans are frustrated is ably told by Roy Del Ruth who directed the picture. John Harron, ever a likeable straightforward hero, gives another of his clean cut impersonations as the country boy who wins the Irish girl's love. Others deserving of mention are, Matthew Betz, the leader of the gang of crooks, Dot Farley and Gertrude Claire.

"The Demi-Bride."

Quite one of the best farces for some time is "The Demi-Bride," with Norma Shearer, which, according to a special advertisement elsewhere in this issue, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

"The Demi-Bride" is Norma Shearer's first attempt at farce and is a decided success, thus proving that this beautiful young screen player has a remarkably wide range of acting ability. In this, her latest picture, Norma Shearer takes the role of an unsophisticated French girl whose innocence and self confidence give her victory in love over her many rivals. Throughout the picture she is a naive and almost childlike girl and her interpretation of this character marks "The Demi-Bride" as her best picture to date.

Low Cady, who is best known for his work in whimsical comedy, plays opposite Miss Shearer and is excellent as the blase young aristocrat who succumbs to the charms of the little French girl. Other members of the excellent cast include Carmel Myers and Dorothy Sebastian. The picture was directed by Robert Leonard.

A remarkable weather phenomenon was observed recently by a pilot of a Handley-Page Napier air liner of Imperial Airways flying from Paris to London. When approaching the Channel he saw ahead a vividly coloured rainbow, which the air liner appeared to fly. He afterwards stated that this was the first time in thirteen years' continuous flying experience in all parts of the world he had seen a complete circular rainbow.

The movements suggested in his article on this subject in Hygeia include four simple exercises leading to straight standing:

- 1—Stand with back against the wall.
- 2—Let the head and buttocks touch the wall but place the heels forward four inches.
- 3—Flatten the lumbar (loin) region, attempting to touch the wall with the lumbar spine.
- 4—Holding the body erect, shift the weight forward to the balls of the feet and step off maintaining the body in this position.

Correcting Weaknesses.

Every system of gymnastics is planned to correct weakness in posture. These exercises bring about flexibility of the bones, joints and muscles, increase the strength of these tissues, and lead to an appearance in which the chest is thrown forward, the abdomen drawn in, the curve of the back flattened, the shoulders well back and upward, and the head upward. The chin is thrown back also. In this position, a man has the appearance commonly called "chesty" and he is likely to feel the same way.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1220 b.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$322 n.
P. and O., \$410 n.
East Asia, \$70 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$662 b.
Union Ins., \$330 b.
North China, Ins. Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$464 b.
China Underwriters, \$220 b.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$725 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$411 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$274 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$280 s.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$35 sa.
Shell Trans., \$71 n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 n.

Mining.

Bonguots, \$24 n.
Kailans, 60/- n.
Lampkats, Tls. 181 s.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Raubas, \$44 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$142 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 n.
China Providents, \$620 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.70 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 99 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 9.15 sa.
Orientales, Tls. 2.15 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$94 sa.
H. K. Lands, \$654 sa.
Shai Lands, Tls. \$131 b.
Humphreys, \$144 b.
Realities, \$8.90 b.
Territorials, \$14 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$264 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$12 sa.
Star Ferries, \$64 sa.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$181 b.
Hong Electric, \$744 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.45 b.
China Buses, Tls. 64 n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$10.50 b.
Malabons, \$274 n.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Coments (Comb.) \$12.60 b.
Ropes (Old) \$94 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$22.10 b.
Watsons, \$12.40 b.
Dor A. Wing, \$3 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$34 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, \$9 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$30 sa.
Constructions, \$14 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prorr.

LETTER GOLF.

The BOSS started out to FIRE somebody. He discovered he couldn't because somebody quit. From BOSS to FIRE, five strokes, is the puzzle editor's guess.

B	O	S	S
F	I	R	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and to it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEN, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

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GERMAN LOOKS AT EUROPE.

ENGLISHMAN DOES NOT LIKE
TROUBLE OF THINKING.

TENNIS RACKET GIRLS.

"I think I may say, without fear of contradiction—at least, it seems to me so, and I should not wish for anything to hurt anybody's feelings—that the weather of to-day may perhaps be safely called not really bad—that would be saying too much—but somehow less satisfactory than the weather of yesterday. Don't you think so too?"

This "English" sentence introduced by Count Hermann Keyserling in the section on England in his new book, "The European Spectrum"—which has just been published by Kampmann of Heidelberg, and is likely to become a European sensation—characterises English mentality as viewed through the eyes of other nations.

Count Keyserling is the philosopher who was once described as a man "on terms of indecent intimacy with his own soul," and here he has been at pains to analyse the souls of the nations of Europe; firstly in relation to themselves, and then to Europe as a whole. His spectrum flashes in bold colours, so brilliantly, so topically, that one is tempted to accuse the philosopher of journalism, with a difference, of course, as shown by his mention of the American newspaper proprietor, who, after commissioning some very highly-paid articles from the philosopher's pen, sent them back with a staff representative to explain what was wanted in the way of alteration. "Shall I, a Pegasus," asked the Count, "become a Ford?"

But it is truly pleasing to find Pegasus taking a delight in being naughty, delightful to find the leader of a school of wisdom so far unhanding as to hope to offend "all Philosophers, Philistines and bourgeois, all those who are small-minded, lacking spirit and a sense of humour." And women readers will be pleased and astonished to find a philosopher so deeply interested in the various aspects of love.

The Englishman.

Beginning his analysis with the Englishman—who is not likely to be flattered by it—the Count finds him closer to the animal world than the "intellectualised" Continental. The Englishman combines, in Keyserling's view, a dislike of offending anybody's prejudices by too direct statement with the unerring instinct of a pointer. Times, however, have unhappily changed since the days when the ruling classes and colonial officers needed no more in their heads than an interest in eating, drinking, sport, and, while still young enough, flirtation. Today English statesmen reason as though they were Frenchmen, and hold forth upon programmes and ideals as though they were Germans. Herein, says the Count, lies a difficulty, as the Englishman does not like thinking. At this point the English girl comes in for some cruel criticism:

The prettiest Miss, through lack of spirituality ("Innerlichkeit") is too often like a tennis-racket. But how shall a woman develop sensual charm when she is addressed as a matter of course, "Old girl," and finds her greatest praise in being called "a good sport?" However charming in youth, may it not be as true of her as of the marshal's baton that every man in Napoleon's army carried in his knapsack, that she carries in hers, instead of the beloved and the mother, the weather-beaten old maid with big teeth?

A Result of Constriction.

Count Keyserling sees in the decay of the English aristocratic classes the beginning of England's decline, fears that the results of constriction during the Great War—which made the masses resentful and thoughtful for the first time—and the strength of Labour in the Dominions, will lead to a domination of the proletariat stronger in England than elsewhere in Europe. He believes, as a result, that the England where life was once more gracious than elsewhere will vanish from the face of Europe save as an influence on future generations as potent as that of the classic Greek tradition.

These remarks upon England give the key to the whole book. Viewed through the eyes of Count Hermann Keyserling, the Baltic aristocrat, every country where democracy is a flourishing force is distasteful to contemplate in the present, and has a gloomy future. To this must be added the mental vision of disciple of Rabindranath Tagore, imbued with Indian ideals. As a result, those countries where women are most emancipated are believed to have the most unpleasant prospects.

The Strength of France.

He considers that love is dying out in Europe, but may still be found in Paris. In this fact lies the strength of France, whose mission always lay in the culture she disseminated, never in the doctrine she preached. The Count recommends to France, inter-marriage

RAILWAYS AND ROADS.

COMPANIES OPPOSED TO A
ROYAL COMMISSION.

The railways are against the proposal that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into certain transport questions, and that the consideration by Parliament of the companies' Bills, in which powers are sought to establish road services, now pending, should be deferred until such a Commission made their report.

In a statement the companies point out that the relevant facts are known and there is no need for an elaborate Commission of Inquiry to explore them. The Private Bill procedure of Parliament provides for a most searching inquiry into the preamble of a Bill.

The railway companies, it is added, would not be averse to the Bills being considered by a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament specially constituted for the purpose. It would be generally agreed that no better tribunal could be found for determining an issue of this kind.

with the many Russians who have sought refuge within her borders, so that her inflexible spirit may be leavened by the disintegrating Russian influence. But it is Spain, where woman is still wife and mother, which stands ethically highest among the group of European nations to-day. Here, too, is the only democracy worthy of being called such.

Democracy can only exist in a true sense where the "lower" are the equals of the "higher." Never shall I forget the impression I received from a young Spanish peasant woman who had had six children in five years, and who received two Spanish dukes and myself in her humble cottage after a motor accident. She not only acted as an equal of the dukes; she was an equal, because she was as conscious of the dignity of her class as the Duke Alba of his. As regards Germany, Count Keyserling says he can understand why Englishmen are misunderstood, but not why the world always sees the German in the wrong light. He ascribes this to the German love of doing a thing for its own sake, studying it, and regarding the rest of the world in its relation to it. He quotes the Englishman who said, "If there were two gates, and on one were written, 'Entrance to Heaven,' and on the other, 'Entrance to Lectures on Heaven,' every German would choose the second one."

He mentions a well-known publisher of philosophical works who told him that nearly all the publications of one of the foremost modern philosophers were lying unsold in his cellars, adding, with enthusiasm, "And that's how it ought to be," so convinced was he that philosophers and their publishers should not grow rich, and so pleased that life worked out as he thought it should.

Europe's Task.

But Keyserling's thesis that Germany sentimental, reflective, a bad user of power, is a feminine, not a masculine, nation down to the very structure of the pelvis-bone—broader in her men than the normal—will probably be judged the most penetrating thing ever written about the nation. If Count Keyserling is judged apart from his prejudices he is intensely illuminating.

His admiration for aristocratic Hungary, his prophecy that Italy, in the future of Europe, will play her part on heathen principles—since the post-Christian era, which began with the War, heralds, in many ways, the rebirth of the pagan soul—may be passed over. But his violent indictment of Switzerland: "nation of innkeepers, or bourgeois, of ugly human beings who have followed the laws of mimicry, with faces stony and bodies gnarled as their rocks," calls for protest. That the Count can go badly off the track is also proved conclusively by his chapter on Holland. Here it is quite clear that he once fell into the hands of a modern Dutchman, exercising that sense of humour peculiar to this country. "The Dutch," says Count Keyserling, "eat so little that they paint pictures of still-life to feast their eyes upon: what their aesthetic stomach rejects." But he praises the asceticism of the old seadogs, de Ruyter and Van Tromp.

Points of similarity between the Russia of to-day and America, the lost opportunities of Sweden, the future of Turkey, and the significance of each Balkan and each Baltic State, are discussed and given full weight.

The colours of Count Keyserling's spectrum remain bright and sharp to the end. Not in internationalism, but in the cultivation of the individual soul of a nation he sees hope for Europe. The old collective ideals are dead, the new ones not yet born. There is no such thing as an international soul, but a community of nations, in which each is complement of the other. When each labours to produce the highest type of individual, according to the national ideal, Europe will awaken from her spiritual lethargy and give a great message to the world.

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His wife told the Bench that her husband had £500 a year as a Civil Servant. The order was made at

Feltham for £3 a week. Recently she obtained a warrant, and he was committed to prison for two months for non-payment under the order.

Atmore explained that he had been dismissed because of being sent to prison. He had also forfeited his pension and gratuity (about £700). The arrears accumulated because, while he was on sick leave, his pay was only 10s. a day instead of his usual salary.

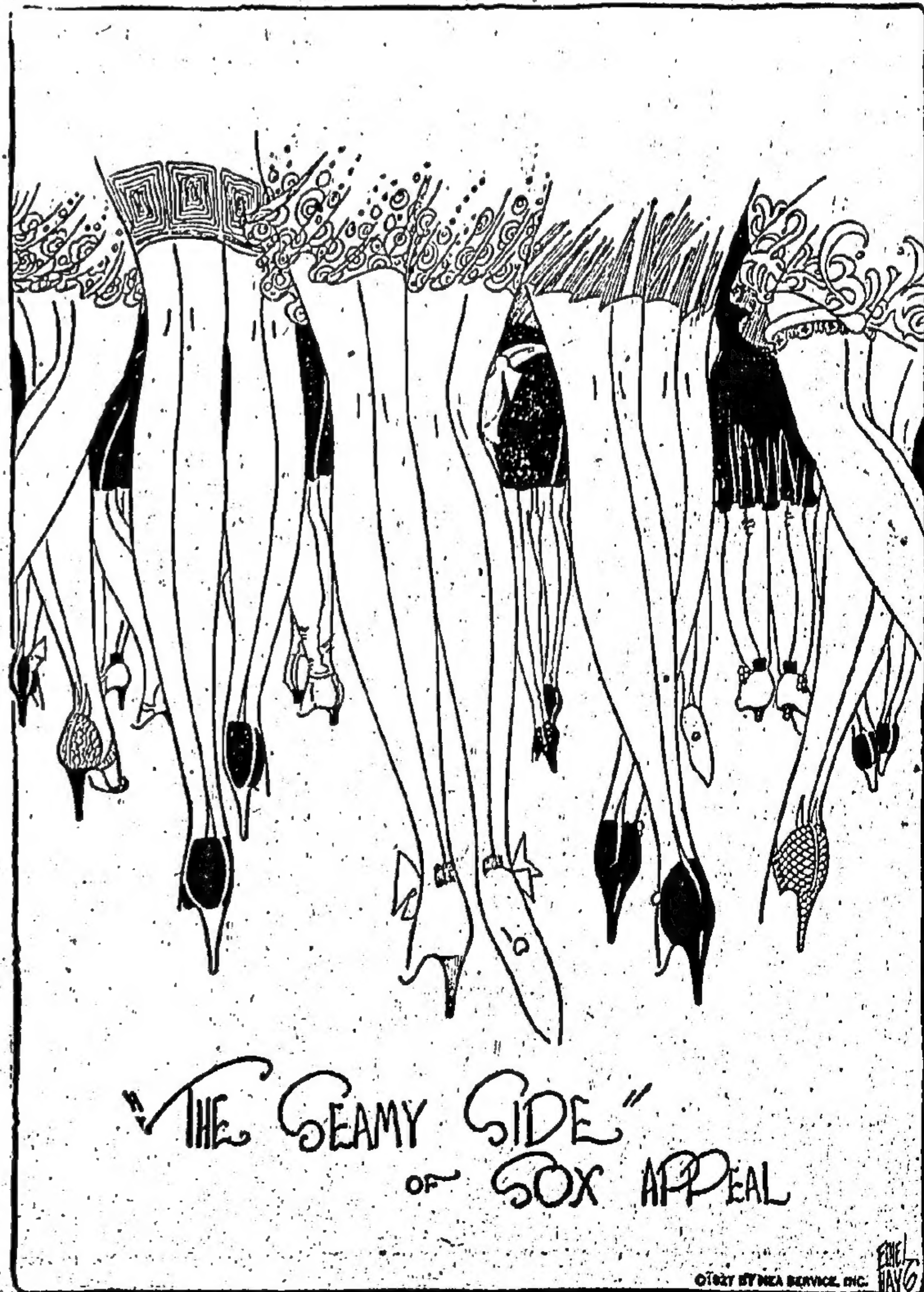
Sir John Francis, the Chairman, said that he was surprised that the man should have been sent to prison. Apparently he had paid £72 out of £90 arrears. He did not

think that any Southend Magistrate would have so acted in such circumstances.

Sir Frederic Senter, a Magistrate, expressed the opinion that such treatment was a gross miscarriage of justice.

Mr. W. Miles, another Magistrate, said that it was monstrous. Such a decision would never have been perpetrated in the Southend Court.

The Bench adjourned the case for two months and directed the Clerk to write to the Postmaster-General and lay all the facts before him.



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THE METAL BOX

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SYNOPSIS.

FOSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESA FEVERSHAM—niece of ELIAS FEVERSHAM, an American millionaire newspaper proprietor—who has taken a flat in London for three months. Foster's aunt, MISS CROOM, asks him to take care of a small metal deed box with instructions to surrender it to no one but herself. A few days later she is found murdered. The detectives find a yellow glove with a piece of cotton wool in a finger, from which they deduce that the owner has lost a finger tip. They also learn that Miss Croom had a smart, red-haired visitor, who gained admission by sending in a scrap of paper bearing the name Hilary. Foster, being his aunt's sole heir, opens the box to find it filled with wonderful gems. Suddenly a chance overcomes Theresa which he is utterly at a loss to understand.

NOW READ ON.

CHAPTER VI. (Continued).

"FISHING."

"What a long holiday you seem to be taking," Theresa remarked, during the meal.

"You must be held responsible," he returned.

"I was wondering," she said, with her eyes on his face, "whether you would ever go to sea again."

"That's on the knees of the gods," he returned, trying to throw some significance into his voice.

"I thought," she persisted, "that, perhaps, Miss Croom's death might—might make a difference. Your aunt may have left you a fortune."

That was, perhaps, the moment of the conception of his suspicion. It was true, that she had, indeed, left him a fortune, at present reposing in the strong room at the bank in Whitehall. Its contents were constantly in his mind at this time, and suddenly, quite against his own volition, the idea occurred that his treasure was in Theresa's mind also. As he sat facing her, it became impossible to thrust the absurd, fantastic, unworthy notion aside. But she was not playing her part in the least skillfully. The spring was being set in sight of the bird. He felt confident she was waiting eagerly for his answer.

"All my aunt's money," he said, "was sunk in a Government annuity."

"Money isn't the only thing in the world," she answered.

"What else are you thinking of?" he demanded, leaning forward across the table towards her. Her only answer was a shrug. "Won't you tell me what you have in your mind?" he urged. "Of course," she added, watching her slightly flushed face intently, "there might have been some hidden treasure, buried in the garden, for instance."

She leaned back in her chair laughing, and began to talk about her uncle, Elias Feversham, and after they had parted that night, Foster lay awake for hours, tormenting half out of his mind. She had deliberately been fishing. She had done her utmost to lead him to talk of his treasure, then drawn back, fearing, probably, lest she should give herself away, had turned the conversation to Elias Feversham in order to restore confidence.

How in the world had she known of the existence of the gems? Again and again Foster asked himself the same question, turning restlessly from side to side and feeling more miserable than he had ever done before. Before he fell asleep, he tried to convince himself that after all he had found a mare's nest. How was it possible to believe that the woman whom he wanted to marry had merely been tolerating him for her own dishonest purposes? Theresa Feversham dishonest!

To that note Foster eventually fell asleep late on Sunday night, and directly after breakfast on Monday morning he telephoned to Trendwell Manson, proposing luncheon, with the determination to satisfy himself of her good faith, or to learn the worst. To go along in this way and remain sane was out of the question.

CHAPTER VII.

FOSTER TELLS HIS STORY.

At a quarter to three on Monday afternoon, Foster was walking along Old Bond Street by Theresa's side, and of his own accord stopped to look in at the jewellers' shop windows, impelled by his impetuous desire to reach the denouement. They were looking at an enticing shop close to Bruton Street, when he called her attention to some good-sized rubies.

"Oh, yes, they're magnificent," she said. "But I love diamonds better, and more than either, pearls."

Then on the spur of the moment, he exclaimed:

"I should rather like to tell you a story."

"Please do," she murmured. "It is about your own adventures?"

"Suppose we turn down here," he suggested, and they walked slowly along Bruton Street, though the afternoon was bitterly cold, towards Berkeley Square.

Her eyes were raised expectantly. "My grandfather," he said, "had an appointment in one of the native Indian courts. His health gave way, he returned to England, married and had two daughters. The elder became my mother, the younger was Miss Croom."

"The poor woman who was murdered," cried Theresa.

"Her father," Foster continued, "brought from India a valuable collection of jewellery."

"How—how very exciting!" she said, and he felt perplexed to perceive a note of something like contempt in her voice.

"There were all kinds of gems," he went on. "Rings, brooches, a magnificent diamond tiara, a pearl necklace, a gorgeous necklace of rubies."

"How envious you make one feel!" cried Theresa. "What did your grandfather do with them?"

"Yes, my grandfather—"

"What did he do with them all?" she asked.

"Simply nothing. He didn't even talk about them. He kept his own counsel and hoarded them. He may have had his own reasons for not attempting to dispose of them. Goodness only knows how they came into his possession."

"Have they passed into yours?" exclaimed Theresa.

"He probably handed them on to my aunt before his death," answered Foster. "That was fifteen years ago, and there they have lain in an old metal box at Baynton Crescent till a few days before her murder."

"Surely," cried Theresa hastily, "the jewels had no connexion with that!"

"The detectives," Foster explained, "didn't seem to have a shadow of doubt that she was killed by a burglar, who had already been busy in the neighbourhood. She had a sort of premonition that her house would be the next. Anyhow, she asked me to take care of the box."

"Without giving you the slightest idea of what it contained," cried Theresa, with what sounded like a sceptical laugh.

"I hadn't the remotest suspicion," Foster protested, "till I opened it on the Friday afternoon. Imagine my surprise—"

"And your delight," said Theresa. "And now you consider these wonderful gems your own property?"

"Naturally, I'm the heir-at-law, the only relative she had left. Everything she left is mine."

"Fortunate person!" returned Theresa. After a short silence as they reached Berkeley Square, she added, "If I were in your place, I should never have a moment's peace. I shouldn't sleep a wink."

He seemed to know what was coming. He felt certain her next move would be an attempt to discover where the treasure was kept.

"Why not?" he asked.

"I should feel terribly afraid lest thieves should break in and steal."

"Ah, well," he answered, with watchful eyes on her face, "there's no fear of that."

"You mean you have taken the precaution to put your new possession in a safe place?" she suggested.

"In the strong room at my bankers'," said Foster.

CHAPTER VIII.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

As astounding as it still appeared, it was impossible to doubt that this woman whom he admired more than any other he had ever seen, was going to make either alone or in conspiracy with someone who, for the present, was keeping in the background, a strenuous effort to obtain possession of the treasure. Now, however, if she believed his assurance that he had taken the precaution to put it in a totally inaccessible place, would she not admit she was beaten and give up the attempt?

Foster could not feel certain and he was exceeding curious to see what she would do next. He arranged to call for her the following morning, though in the circumstances, he would not have been astonished if she rang up to put him off. Nothing happening, he set forth on Tuesday in heavy rain keeping his taxi at Trendwell Manson, and taking her to the Hotel Cecil. For once the subject of jewellery was not referred to, and she became so much like the Theresa he had known on the "Egeria," that he began almost to wonder whether he had, after all, not been tormenting himself unnecessarily.

WAR ON SWABUE SOVIET.

(Continued from Page 1.)

that more than 1,000 rifles had been captured.

Swabue Also Taken.

Swabue, which is midway between Hongkong and Swatow, is reported to have been taken by the 31st regiment of the same Army. In his report to the Canton authorities, Cheung Ying-leung, leader of the Second Brigade of Chan Chai-long's Army, who directed the victorious troops in an attack on the "Reds" at Swabue on the 2nd instant, declared that his army captured the city after some skirmishes, killing a few hundred "Reds" and capturing two hundred rifles.

Yesterday, the Headquarters of the Government forces on the East River despatched messages to Canton, requesting that more troops be sent to assist the armies at Hoifung to exterminate the Communists now occupying other districts in the vicinity of Hoifung and in Lukfung.

In response to this call for assistance, a large column of soldiers of the 5th Army left for the East River yesterday, according to Canton intelligence.

Flight to Mountains.

Hundreds of the defeated "Reds" of Hoifung have fled to the hills near Lukfung, parts of the country around which are said to be very mountainous. It is known that the "Reds" have built more than 100 wooden huts on the mountain-tops and that these structures are big enough to accommodate a few thousand men. The "Reds" claim that they have stored up enough foodstuffs and ammunition to last them for three years.

In view of the fact that many of these mountain areas near Lukfung are dangerous and that soldiers ignorant of the conditions would encounter much personal risk, General Tang Yin-wah, it is reported, has employed men who are acquainted with the geography of the district to accompany his troops.

The Chinese gunboats, Chungshan, Kungsho, Mansang, and Holsul, are said to have left Canton for Swabue yesterday, to supply the troops with ammunition and military equipment.

The order for a general attack on the "Reds" now lodged in the mountains at Lukfung and in parts of Hoifung will be given soon, when more troops from Canton have arrived.

Another Canton report says that during their retreat from Hoifung to the mountains at Lukfung, the "Red" troops burnt much property and massacred many people in villages through which they passed.

As rain was still falling heavily, they chartered another taxi to Chelsea.

"What a melancholy day!" she said, as they turned the corner of her street. "If you care to come in, we might try to cheer each other up, though I have an appointment at half-past five."

In the sitting-room, she threw off her fur coat, and standing before the oblong looking glass over the mantel-shelf raised her hands to remove her hat.

"What a state my hair is in!" she said, and taking a comb from her vanity bag, began to re-arrange it.

There was a pleasant intimacy about the proceeding, if only he could feel certain it was not calculated for his undoing. Standing by her side, he felt inclined to crush her in his arms whether she were innocent or guilty, and one thing appeared certain. She had not the slightest suspicion that his eyes were open; she flattered herself he was entirely beguiled.

"Dr. Markwell," she said, abruptly, "I actually dreamed of those wonderful jewels you were telling me about. I thought of them the moment I opened my eyes this morning. I shan't have any peace till I have seen them for myself."

"I'm afraid that's out of the question," he answered.

"Why should it be?" she demanded, meeting his eyes.

"You remember I told you they were in the strong room at the bank—"

"Oh yes, but you won't keep them there for ever. What in the world is the use of having jewellery if no one's to see it? Sheer waste, and I assure you nobody would be more appreciative. You could easily gratify me if you were really nice. You could fetch the box away."

So that was the game! It certainly seemed beautifully simple, if scarcely complimentary to his intelligence. She gazed serenely on his ingenuousness, and no doubt on his infatuation.

"Oh well," he returned, "of course it wouldn't be impossible."

"How few things are," she cried. "What I meant was that you should bring the box here—just for an hour, though it's true I should hate to let it go again. It would be per-

NEW BUNGALOWS AT \$2,000.

(Continued from Page 7.)

an ordinary bungalow of the same size would cost—allowing \$2,000 for contractor's profit—at least \$13,000. It would be possible to build a very attractive all-concrete bungalow, with all the ornamentation that has been omitted from my experimental building, for \$3,000.

"I have shown this house to the Municipal Architect, and he is of the opinion that unquestionably something might be done along these lines to relieve the housing shortage in Singapore. A company is already building all-concrete houses at Kuala Lumpur for \$9,000 each, and there is undoubtedly scope for a company to carry out such construction in Singapore, where the large amount of building going at present is proof enough that it would be a financial success. My object in putting up this house is to show how building cost can be reduced if you get away from expensive skilled labour and the ordinary method of brick construction, and I shall be very glad if anyone interested in the subject will come and see me."

Municipal Housing Policy.

Asked for his opinion of the Municipal housing policy, Mr. Dunman said he thought it was on the extravagant side. "There is no doubt that the new houses are in a rather sumptuous style," he remarked. "Very few people could afford to live in houses costing \$40,000, and I think the Municipal standard of housing is above that adopted by private firms employing Europeans in Singapore. I very much question whether the employees of such concerns as the A.P.C., the Banks, and the Cable Company are living in houses such as the Municipality are providing. If I were on the Municipal Commission to-day, I would certainly consider whether the housing needs of the staff could not be met on a less lavish scale. After all, if terrace houses in Grove Road are considered good enough for certain grades of Government officials, and people in business and professional life are living in the Crescent Flats, there is no reason why people of a similar class in Municipal employment should have houses costing \$40,000."

Mr. Dunman also suggested that small concrete houses of the type he had demonstrated would be much more suitable for the subordinate staff than terrace houses costing \$8,000 each.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Australian research in music. 2. Min. by 1 1/16 in. 3. Croom was an ancient king in Asia Minor, possessing fabulous wealth. 4. The heroine. 5. The heroine. 6. Knut. 7. "La Belle Dame sans Merci," by John Keats. 8. Saul. 9. Kismet. The seventh note of the scale. 10. The northern and southern boundaries of the tropics, or the torrid zone. 11. Toffee. 12. The Punic Wars.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 20 departures, of which 11 under each heading were British, leaving 72 vessels in harbour, British 26. Tonnage was high, with British entering the highest inward cargo and German vessels the best two through freights of the day.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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B	A	R	E
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F	I	R	E

feely safe. You could take a taxi at the bank, let me have a peep and then we could take it back together on our way to luncheon. You see," Theresa added, "I speak as if you were certain to invite me."

Foster stood with his hands in his jacket pockets, looking down into her upturned face.

"If you're really tremendously keen—" he began, when she impetuously interrupted him.

"I am, indeed."

"How lovely of you," she exclaimed. "You will bring the box to-morrow?"

"What time?" he asked. She seemed to be considering. "Would half-past eleven suit you?" she said.

"I will be here as the clock strikes."

(To be continued.)



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HELIUM GAS FIND.

LOCATED BY DIVINING ROD.

GERMAN EXPERIMENT.

Frankfurt-am-Main, Feb. 2. Immediately following the statement made here that huge volumes of national helium gas had been discovered in Russelsheim, an industrial town situated between Frankfurt and Mainz, the boring was suddenly stopped and the blast-holes covered up. The whole affair has been hushed with a denial of the discovery. At the same time geologists employed in the search admit a possibility of a natural helium gas find.

Excavations were being made by a well-known motor firm when the workmen came across an underground current of hot waters, connected with the thermal

springs at Wiesbaden. A little further on they bored into a cavity of a depth of nearly two thousand feet, which, it was conjectured, contained natural helium gas. This unusual fissure is thought to be a part of the extensive volcanic formation of the Rhine basin.

The motor firm concerned immediately sent for Herr Graevé, a German water diviner of the present day. Graevé is supposed to possess peculiar powers and to be able, through the medium of his Wunschelrute to divine streams of water, however deeply in the earth they are hidden. As an officer in the German Army, Graevé was employed during the war in finding out springs of sound water in Turkey. Also in Alaska he has proved his capability as a water-diviner.

Trembling and Beating.

Both before and after the war Graevé has been employed in Germany in discovering not only water, but also coal, potash, and mineral ores. It is very seldom, so report runs, that he has been known to have made a mistake.

Graevé, a tall, bearded man of sixty years of age, arrived at Russelsheim early in the morning with his Wunschelrute, which is forked and made of metal. He stated that should the metal, during the test, "tremble upwards," there would be good water in the earth below; should the metal "tremble downwards," there would be a possibility of a find of coal or minerals.

Together with three engineers, Graevé walked slowly over the site of the operations, holding the Wunschelrute out in front of him, the forked end against his chest. Suddenly the metal began to tremble violently and to beat wildly against his chest, so that it took the combined efforts of his three companions to assist him in holding the Wunschelrute. This trembling and beating occurred several times during the morning. After about five hours the Wunschelrute leapt downwards with such force that Graevé was compelled to leave the spot. He declared immediately that the cause was a great fissure in the earth in which natural helium gas would in all probability be found.

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SHANTUNG FAMINE.

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS NOW
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Peking, Feb. 24.
Even owners of 100 mu of land are compelled to beg because of famine conditions in western Shantung, says a report from reliable sources by one correspondent of the China International Famine Relief Commission.

Tree-leaves, grass, weeds, cotton-seeds and what-not are used in place of food grain; chairs, tables, etc., are sold to keep their owners from starving; girls have to be sold or given away lest they die, and that this condition is due to complete crop failure, not to military oppression, is a point touched upon by the report received at the Head Office of the C.I.F.R.C. this morning. Passages of the original report follow:

“He reports that they investigated 43 villages to the West and Northwest of Lintsing, none of them more than 80 li from Lintsing city. He mentions two villages as being especially bad—Hsiao Hsi Li Chuang, and Ta Hsi Chuang. In both of these places people are reduced to eating the leaves from the trees, grass, and weeds. Those who are a little better off are eating cotton seed, but there are few who can get the latter. In Hsiao Hsi Li Chuang, the homes are bare. People have sold chairs, tables, and all they have to keep from starving. People with anywhere from 20 to 80 mu of land are starving along with the rest. This condition is due to the complete failure of crops not to military oppression.

In Ta Hsi Chuang, a village of some fifty families, only four or five are left, the rest having left and become beggars due to all their livelihood being gone. People who had 80 and 100 mu of land are beggars like the rest.

“At Hung Kuen Ying, only 10 li out of Lintsing city, in one family that the investigator mentioned they are trying to either sell or give away two girls because they have no means of supporting them. He said that, in many cases, children were being sold or given away because the parents had no other way of keeping them from starving.”

COOLIE KILLED.

FATAL FALL INTO SHIP'S
COAL HOLD.

An accident which occurred on board the s.s. Tunda whilst in port on February 21, was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Mr. W. Schofield conducted an inquiry into the circumstances of the death of a coolie who was fatally injured by a fall into the coal hold.

The deceased, who was working on the vessel which was unloading coal at the Kowloon Mining Administration Coalyard at Lunghok on the evening of February 21, was at the top of the No. 2 hold of the ship passing the baskets to the men at the bottom. It was while passing a basket down that he lost his balance and fell into the hold, sustaining a fracture of the skull from which he died almost immediately afterwards.

After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

EMPTY TALK.

VARIOUS CONVENTIONS NOT
RATIFIED.

London, Mar. 6.
Sir Austen Chamberlain drew attention to the serious situation being created by the failure of the League to ratify most of the League conventions, notably the Opium Convention of 1925. He mentioned also conventions of importance to the shipping industry dealing with the freedom of transit, the simplification of customs facilities and navigable waters.

The British Foreign Secretary made a special appeal on behalf of the Opium Convention which would only become effective when ratified by seven members of council, and he said the lesson to be drawn was that the League should adopt only those conventions likely to be ratified instead of the large number which fail to become effective.

Finally on the proposal of Signor Scialoja, the Council placed on the agenda for the next Session the question of the failure of Members of the League to ratify conventions.—British Wire-
less.

BRITAIN & JAPAN.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT ON
HONGKONG VISIT.

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

Emphasizing the importance of the coming visit of the Japanese combined fleet to Hongkong, the Kokumin hopes the result will be closer friendship not only between the two navies, but also between Britain and Japan.

The paper hopes it may lead to a revival of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in the future, as it considers the close friendship thus engendered would make the Singapore base no longer a menace to Japan but on the contrary serve as a base for both the British and the Japanese navies, if ever the occasion demands common action for the preservation of peace in the Orient.

While the Japanese generally regretted the termination of the alliance, and many would like to see it renewed, it is doubtful, however, if the Kokumin represents the general consensus of opinion at present regarding its renewal.—Reuter.

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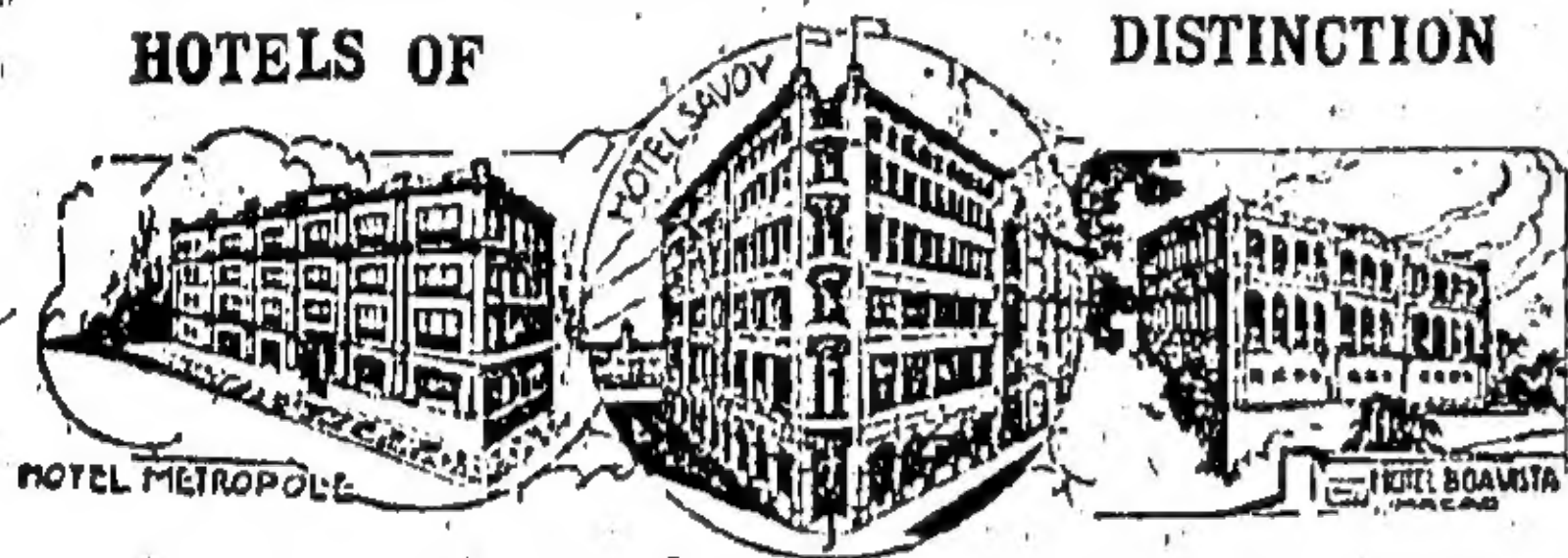
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SUCCESSFUL NON-STOP FLIGHT.



Charles A. Levine and his historic New York-to-Germany monoplane "Columbia," rebuilt after its crash in Italy has completed successfully a 1,400 mile non-stop flight to Havana. In the above picture the "Columbia" is taking off from Mitchell Field, Long Island, on its first reconditioning flight. Below (left to right) Levine, Miss Mabel Boll, a millionaire's daughter, who made the trip as passenger, and Wilmer Stultz, who was pilot.

DOCK COMPANY
REPORT.GROSS PROFIT OF OVER
SEVEN LAKHS.

The report of the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for the year ending 31st December, 1927, states:

As shown by the Profit and Loss Account, the gross profit on working for the year ending 31st December, 1927, is \$700,564.33. After deducting interest, rates, Crown rent, insurance, directors' and auditors' fees and allowing the sum of \$62,017.81 for depreciation on buildings and plant, there remains a net profit for the year 1927 of \$133,436.99. To which must be added the amount brought forward from last year, \$68,614.11, making the amount at credit of profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1927, \$202,051.10, which it is recommended should be carried forward to next year.

Directors.—In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. H. P. White retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been appointed Chairman for the year 1928.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

RAID ON LOCAL
"STILL."BRANDY AND LABELS
SEIZED.

A raid by Revenue Officers on a house in Queen's Road West, yesterday, resulted in the seizure of a quantity of "local" brandy and various ingredients for its manufacture.

Among other things seized were labels bearing the words "Star Brand Port Wine. Manufactured in England." A number of bottles were also seized and instead of the usual Excise label on the capsule, there were tobacco labels of Macao origin.

Five men said to be concerned in the running of this illicit still were formally remanded at the Magistracy this morning.

NEW GERMAN MINE-
DISASTER.SIX KILLED AND EIGHTEEN
ENTOMBED.

Berlin, March 7.

Six miners have been killed and eighteen others are entombed as the result of a fire-damp explosion in a mine at Ludwigsdorf. —*Reuter.*

RUBBER QUESTION.

PENANG PASSES RESOLUTION.

Penang, March 8.

The chamber of commerce has passed a resolution in favour of the continuance of the present rubber restriction for at least twelve months to enable the civil research authorities to thoroughly investigate the question. —*Reuter.*

TREATY REJECTED
BY EGYPT.

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gaging services of foreign officials will give preference to British subjects. Other nationalities only to be engaged if qualified Britishers are not available.

Article Nine, Britain to support Egypt in obtaining the consent of the Powers to the modification of capitulations in order to conform with the closer spirit of the time and to meet the present conditions.

Article Ten, Britain to support Egypt's request for admission to the League of Nations. Egypt declares herself ready to accept conditions of admission.

Article Eleven, the British representative in Egypt to be an Ambassador with precedence over all other foreign representatives.

League Obligations.

Article Twelve provides that the rights and obligations devolving upon either party under the Convention of the League are not to be prejudiced by the treaty.

Article Thirteen refers to the annexes in which the arrangements for carrying out the Treaty are set out.

Article Fourteen, the parties agree that any disagreement on the application, be dealt with in accordance with the provision of the League Covenant. —*Reuter.*

British Officials Unchanged.

London, Mar. 8.

Annex One of the Egyptian draft treaty elaborates the procedure proposed for carrying out Article Seven.

Annex Two provides for Egypt to appoint in agreement with the British Government, financial and judicial advisers. The number, status and functions of the British officials now engaged in the public security and police services to remain unchanged pending the modification of the capitulatory system.

In a despatch to Lord Lloyd, dated March 1st, "Sir Austen Chamberlain refers to the former's telegraphed report on the conversation with Nahas Pasha, the leader of the Wafd, who had stated that he felt it useless to discuss what advantages the various clauses of the treaty would have for Egypt since the instrument failed to provide for the complete evacuation by British troops.

Realities of Situation.

Sir Austen says that Nahas seemed no more inclined to recognise the realities of the situation than did Zaghoul Pasha four years ago, when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made it clear that:

"No British Government in the light of the experience of the late war can divest itself wholly, even in favour of an ally, of its interest in guarding such a vital link in the British communications as the Suez Canal. Such security must be a feature of any agreement."

Sir Austen Chamberlain adds it was Sarwat's recognition of these realities which made it possible to negotiate the treaty and it is Nahas' refusal to recognise them which will again make a settlement impossible.

Note to Egypt.

Sir Austen authorised Lord Lloyd when the treaty was rejected to send the following note to the Egyptian Government, "The British Government have for some time past viewed with misgiving certain legislative proposals in the Egyptian Parliament which, if they were to become law, would be likely, seriously, to weaken the

BRITAIN'S USE OF
BOXER FUNDS.MUST WAIT FOR STABILITY
OF AUTHORITY.

London, March 7.

The use of the Boxer Indemnity funds was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. G. Locker-Lampson replied that though British relations with the various regional administrations in China had greatly improved, it was not yet clear that they had achieved any degree of permanency or stability of authority.

It was therefore useless, he said, to attempt to give effect to the recommendations of the Boxer Indemnity Commission as the Boxer money must be used for the welfare of the whole of China. —*Reuter.*

INDIAN RAILWAYMEN
ON STRIKE.AUTHORITIES CLOSE DOWN
THE WORKS.

Calcutta, March 7.

The East Indian Railway authorities have decided to close down the Lillmoah workshops, as the staff is not working. Over fourteen thousand men are involved.

The men are striking for increased wages, the unskilled workers claiming double pay and the skilled workers a 25 per cent. increase. The authorities state that it is impossible to comply with the demands. —*Reuter.*

SMUGGLED MUNITIONS.

FOUND ABOARD YANGTZE
STEAMER.

Ichang, Mar. 7.

The British Commissioner of Customs has taken charge of a quantity of ammunition which was found on an upper river steamer. The ammunition had been smuggled on board. —*Naval Wireless.*

hands of the administrative authorities responsible for maintenance of order and for the protection of life and property in Egypt.

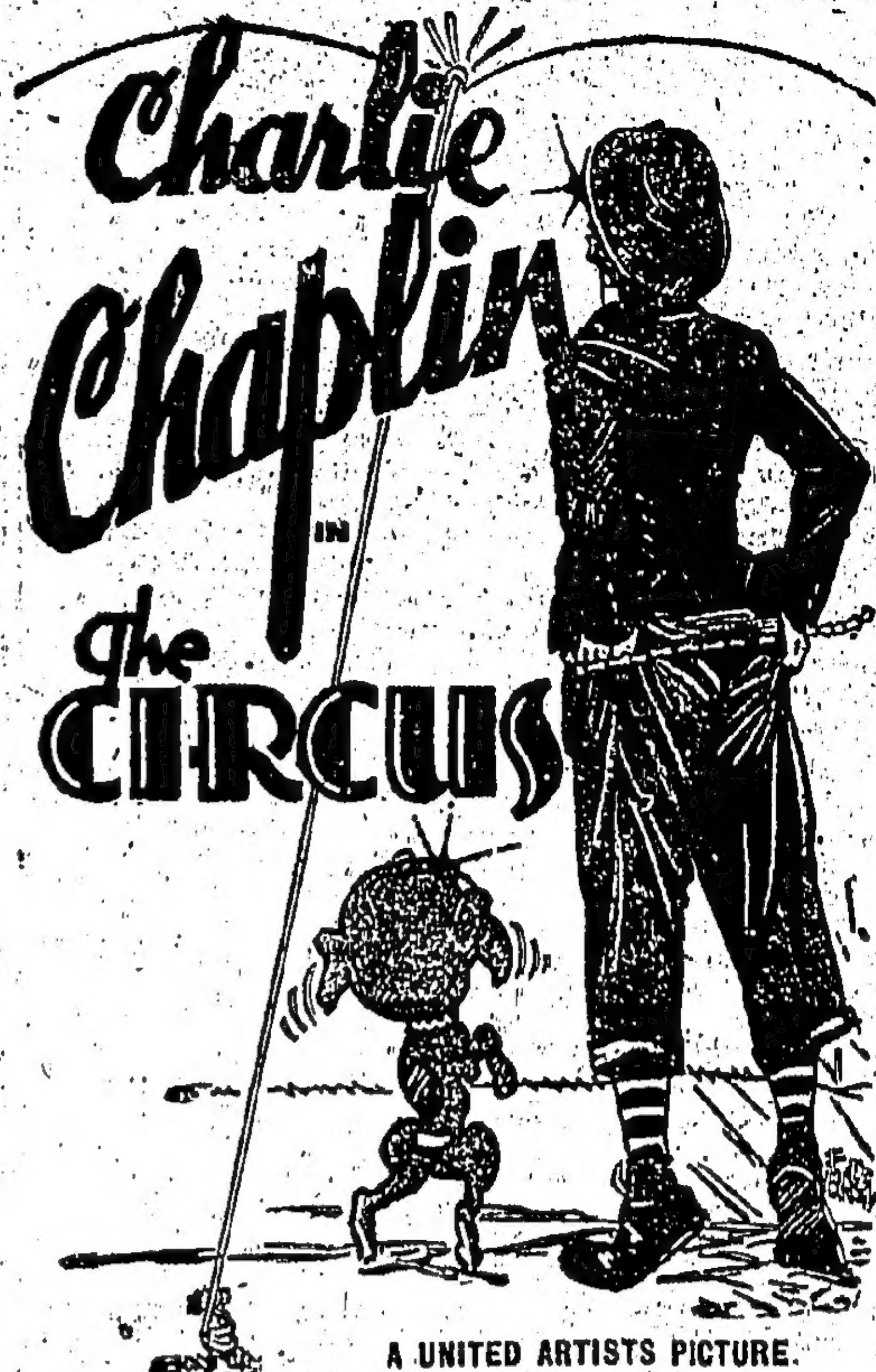
"So long as there was any prospect of an early conclusion of a treaty of alliance which would define the new responsibilities and rights of the two parties the British Government were content to refrain from all comment in the expectation that they might rely with confidence on the Egyptian Government to avoid legislation which might make it impossible for the Egyptian Administration to discharge successfully increased responsibilities inherent in the treaty regime.

Right Reserved.

"Now that the 'conversations with the Egyptian' Government have failed the British Government cannot permit the discharge of any of their responsibilities under the declaration of February 23rd, 1922, to be endangered whether by the Egyptian legislation of the nature indicated or by administrative action, and they reserve the right to take such steps as, in their view, the situation may demand."

The White paper concludes with the terms of the Egyptian Government's rejection of the treaty on the plea that it legalises the occupation of the country by British forces. —*British Wireless.*

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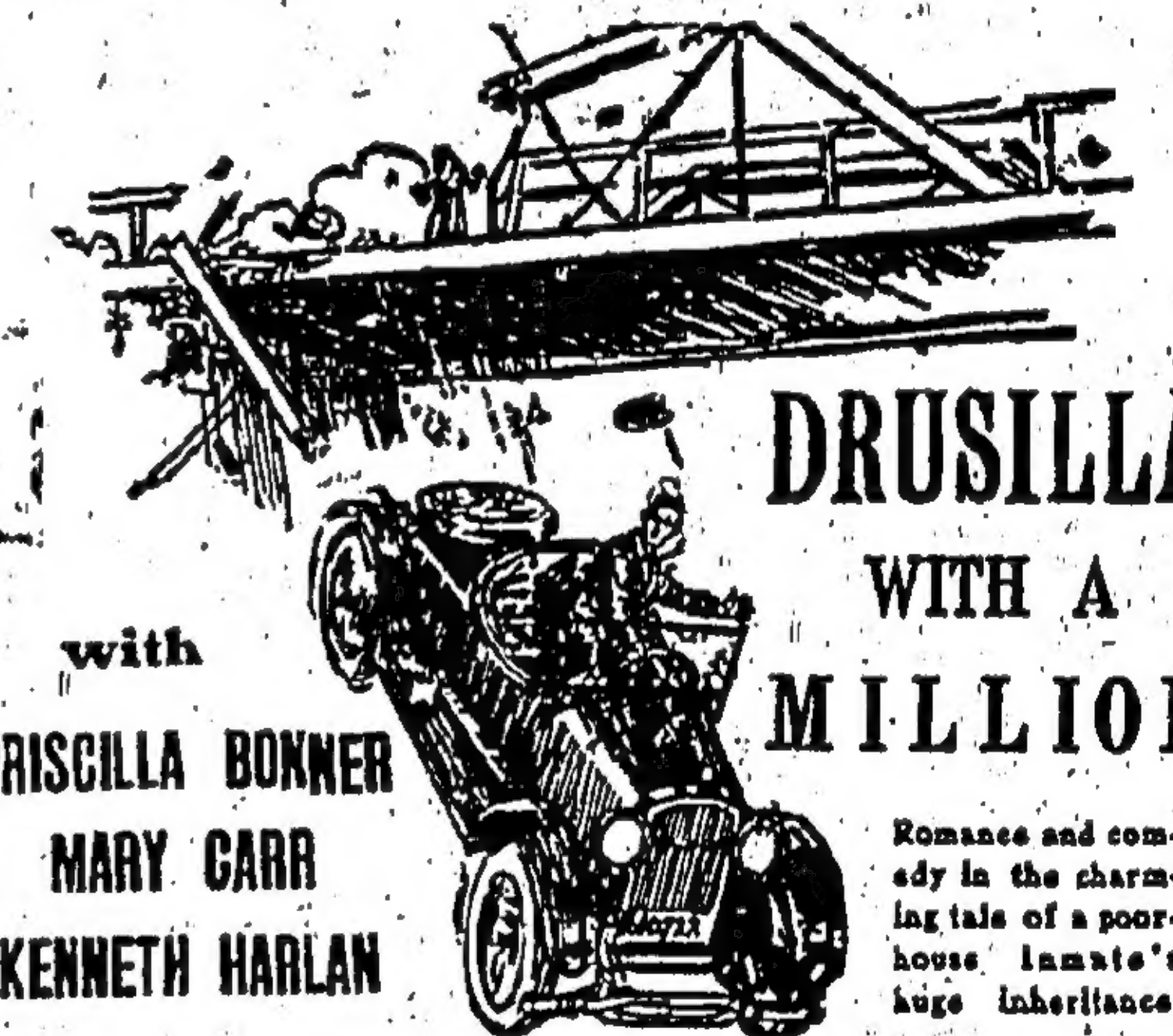
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